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I refuse to write the usual. THIS year-in-review has to be **real**. No clichés. No hypocrisy. No being nostalgic for nostalgia's sake. After all, we are talking about Howard University—**viciously BLACK on a seriously mental tip**—breaking the year down from the proverbial A to Z.

Registration, the one scary entity that can break the mightiest Howardite, improved immensely (believe it or not, I was actually registered before mid-terms), and before Franklyn J. barely discerned which keys went where in his new million-dollar home (but that's another story), he was "enlightened" by students that if they didn't receive campus housing, he could more-or-less consider his place the new Howard Inn.

Worse yet, many conservative folks—and maybe even some liberals—were scared as hell (let's just all be **frank, shall we?**) that the new HUSA officers—you remember, the ones that were on "Africa's tip sooo hard?"—would neglect campus problems and take us by **F.O.R.C.E.**, screaming and fighting back to *Mother Africa*. Well now, it wasn't so bad, was it? While Frank was pruning the tree (well, it's more or less a shrub now), HUSA was constructing some financial renovations, overcoming the prior administration's leftover deficit. Alas, all was well.

If ya didn't notice, in the land of arts and entertainment, African-Americans (or is it "Blacks"? I'm not really sure yet, but, again, that's another story.) were by all means kickin' it. Living Colour finally, undeniably proved to the world that their *soulistically rockin' jazzy bluesy hip-hopish FUNKY* sound was fit for all genres of music, and although Cosby's ratings went down, Rudy Huxtable grew up. Dwayne Wayne proposed to Whitley (you knew it would happen), Nino Brown (aka Wesley Snipes) verified definite distinctions between what was business and what was personal (via the uzi), living just enough for the dope and dead presidents typical of the New Jack City, and Robert Townsend made us want to rediscover Motown in *The Five Heartbeats*.

Sex You Up by Color Me Badd and *Tom's Diner* by DNA were basically the baddest (and I do mean good) but most overplayed (and I mean I heard it too damn much) singles of the year. And what about that Keith Washington? In addition to being one of the **PRETTIEST** pretty boys I've EVER seen, his new single *Kissing You* is rising. Ultimate pick hit: a tie between the *New Jack City Soundtrack* and Loose Ends' *Look How Long*.

Getting back to **reality**, the multi-televised, "should've-been-a-mini-series" *War in the Gulf* came, went, and was virtually forgotten. Life went on. The *Hilltop* went from front page phone scams (sorry Kasim) to a new *Images* fashion layout (if you didn't understand its purpose, it's cool—neither did the staff). The shuttle buses were still off schedule—**IF** they ever came at all, and because of repeated bomb threats, the School of Business had a new testing site: Greene Stadium.

It seemed that the **bourgeoise** vs who's more **African** (personally, I think a "who gives a damn" issue should've been included) only to be replaced with the issue of who's too

This is Howard University and a piece of the surrounding world as I saw it. And in **1991** I still don't completely understand it. To me, it remains a clique within itself, but diversely filled with all types of unique **black ideologies**. Perhaps I'll never understand. Maybe it's not to be understood; in any case,

BY KAREN GOOD HILLTOP REPORTER OF THE YEAR

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Over the school year, The Hilltop has attempted to report news of interest, not only to the Howard family, but the nation and the world as well. And as this year comes to an end, we would like to reflect on what was an exciting and eventful year at 'The Mecca'.

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Campus



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Howard University's campus
has been the stage for events

ranging from protests and
flag burnings to Spring Picnics
and Inaugurations.

And through it all, it's rarely boring.

Commission Report Rocks Howard Foundation

In 1989, a massive protest changed the face of the campus as students mobilized to demand overdue changes at the university. In 1990-91, all it took was a report to stir the masses again.

It soon became known as the infamous "Commission Report" across campus. A simple document with possibly tremendous

repercussions on the future of Howard University.

It began in late November. At the request of President Franklyn G. Jenifer, an independent panel issued a report which analyzed the university's academic programs and research in order to make recommendations to prepare the university for the

HOWARD 2000

Principle Recommendations

- Raise admissions standards, develop Howard University Index, and require each school or college to show annual improvement in the average "score" for its entering class.
- Close the School of Human Ecology, transfer existing programs to other schools and colleges, and eliminate core courses in Human Ecology.
- Eliminate undergraduate major in teacher education; and develop one-year masters degree program in Education for liberal arts graduates and program of essential skills necessary for teacher certification in most states.
- Eliminate the Department of Geology and Geography.
- Eliminate the undergraduate program leading to the Bachelor of Social Work degree.
- Eliminate the B.S. degree program and the Ph.D. program in Pharmacy.
- Eliminate the graduate programs in Adult Education, Education Technology, and Student Personnel in Higher Education.
- Eliminate the Physician Assistant program in the College of Allied Health Sciences.
- Eliminate the major in Astrophysics in the College of Liberal Arts.
- Eliminate the graduate concentration in Art Education.
- Consolidate the Departments of Botany/Microbiology and Zoology into a single Department of Biology.
- Restructure graduate education, determine which graduate programs should be maintained, downsized, merged, or eliminated, and concentrate on having fewer graduate disciplines and fewer specializations within departments.
- Restructure the College of Liberal Arts into a new College of Arts and Sciences.
- Evaluate performance of the School of Continuing Education relative to its ten-year strategy.
- Evaluate effectiveness of academic support services.
- Develop uniform criteria (including external peer reviews) for evaluating faculty being considered for appointment, promotion, and tenure.
- Create two university centers for international affairs and for urban affairs.
- Establish three new institutes—Entrepreneurial Studies in the School of Business, Islamic Studies in the School of Divinity, and Health Policy Research in the Division of Health Affairs.
- Institute planning for two new classroom and research buildings.
- Create new governance structure for involving faculty in advisory and consultative role to administration and Board of Trustees.

ERIC L. SMITH

MANAGING EDITOR

21st Century.

Unfortunately, that couldn't be done without ruffling a few feathers. Jenifer promised to "prune the tree" when he was named president of the university, and he was true to his word.

"Howard is dealing with problems all universities have but few deal with," Jenifer said. "We're eliminating our weaknesses and improving our strength."

The commission report made news nationwide. It was hailed as one of the few instances where a teaching institution such as Howard had done an extensive internal examination to weed out problems.

The report analyzed the university's academic programs and research in order to make recommendations which would allow the university to better meet the needs of the black community.

The recommendations were given to Jenifer and the Board of Trustees for evaluation. Among the primary proposals were the closing or consolidation of five schools and colleges; the elimination of academic



KEVIN LEE

programs and a required minimum score of 1000 on the SAT exam for incoming freshmen.

After much debate from students and faculty, Jenifer formulated his own recommendations concerning the commission report. In an ambitious report entitled "Howard 2000" Jenifer proposed sweeping changes at the university which used some of the proposals in the commission report, while others were modified or dropped all together.

The main proposals included the formation of a Howard University Index which would take the place of a minimum SAT score; the closing of the School of Human Ecology, the elimination of undergraduate programs in the School of Social Work and the formation of three new institutes, including one for entrepreneurial studies in the School of Business.

"My proposals were broad, but less than what was in the commission report," Jenifer said. "By these actions, Howard is making a choice between quantity and quality."

The closing of the School of Human Ecology was one of the decisions which went over the hardest. Students in the school rallied in protest. A group of Human Ecology

students presented a response which did too little too late.

"We are losing the philosophical base of Human Ecology," said Carole Coleman, president of the Human Ecology Student Council.

Other students in the school also disagreed with its closing.

"In my opinion, he's trying

to pick on what he perceives to be the weaker school," said Jamal Bryant, sophomore class representative of the Human Ecology Student Council.

Students in the School of Human Ecology were not the only ones with grievances. Students in the School of Social Work also aired complaints about the elimination of the undergraduate social work program in the school.

Gayle Parker, one of the nine students who will receive a Bachelor's of Social Work degree Saturday, said, "It wasn't such a good move.

"As a matter of fact, I think it's sad. With drugs, stress and crime, social workers are well needed," Parker said. "The administration and students take social work for granted, and the social work profession doesn't get the respect it deserves."

Another purpose of "pruning the university" was to gear Howard toward being a more research-oriented institution by the year 2000. As a research institute, Howard would focus on producing students who could compete on the cutting edge of technological, economical and political fronts. It's a move that Jenifer said was long in coming.

Staff reporters Rochelle Tillery, George Daniels, Regina Mack and Johanna Wilson contributed to this story.

Silver and Baraka

Although the new Howard University Student Association administration was selected approximately two months ago, the end

GWEN MCGILL
STAFF REPORTER

of the year brings about the evaluation of the previous administration under President April Silver and Vice President Ras Baraka.



APRIL SILVER BECAME WIDELY KNOWN FOR LEADING THE STUDENT PROTEST IN 1989.

FILE PHOTO

Lead Fight for Student Rights

"We did not accomplish every single, solitary thing, but I think we did very well and accomplished a lot of what we wanted to do," said Silver.

She listed among the completed HUSA projects: the security patrol; the Hip-hop Conference; the economic base for their entrepreneurship department—selling of black college paraphernalia; the Awake lecture series, hosted by Eraka Rouzorundu, and community day with Chicago-based educator, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu—a social commentator on the black community, and author of *The Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys*.

"We did have a lot of educational programs," she added.

"I was satisfied, but I know there's a lot more to be done. We did what we could do

with the limited resources that we had," said Baraka.

"We organized our events around the platform we presented in the beginning," he added. "A lot needs to be finished, but that's up the next administration," he added.

Cesar Howell, a senior chemistry major felt that HUSA was "more visible" during the first semester. "The effort was there, but I really didn't feel any value in their promises. I didn't see them as much the second semester, but I do remember the hip-hop conference."

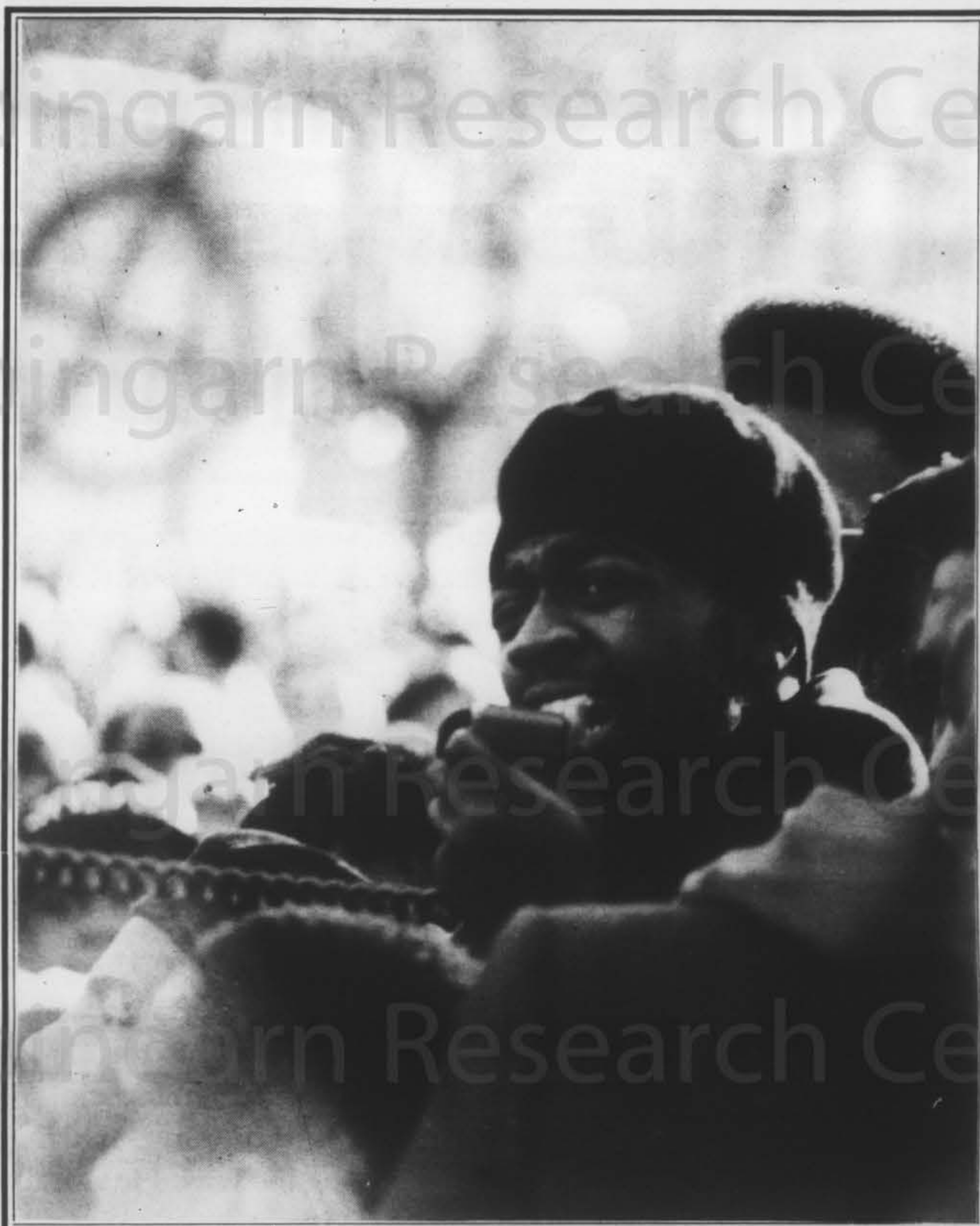
Kelvin Dickerson, a junior public relations major remarked, "I feel as far as Ras and April go, they fulfilled some of their promises. However, I don't think they included the whole student body. Some students felt left out."

He added, "As far as their Afro-centric educational programs go they did an excellent job. Someone needs to pick that ball up and keep it rolling."

Although other members of the Howard community believe the Silver-Baraka administration fulfilled some of its tasks, Angela Hughes, a sophomore business major, dis-

"When they got in, I expected some kind of dramatic change, but I didn't see it," she said. "For people who based their campaign on changing things, I didn't see where they did anything different than the previous administration."

According to Baraka, everything could not be done over the course of just one school year.



DWAYNE SHAW

RAS BARAKA, SON OF POET ACTIVIST AMIRI BARAKA, SERVED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF HUSA.



KEITH DORMAN

Dr. Franklin Jenifer Learns the Ropes of Leading Howard

If one thing can be said about Howard University's 14th president, Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, it's that he did not take the job as president to make friends. If he does along the way, that's fine - but after his first full year at Howard, it has been obvious that

KEVIN CHAPPELL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

being well-liked is not too important to him.

"I'm here to take Howard into the 21st century, not to make friends," Jenifer said.

Jenifer has hit the yard running - making dramatic changes along the way. He admits

that maybe he is setting too high standards for the university. But "that's tough," he said. "I may be too proud of Howard but I want us to be different," he said.

This pride has many people associated with Howard wondering if 'The Mecca' will be unrecognizable in the a few years.

One student said President Jenifer would make a great dentist. "You know what president's about to do will hurt but you believe in him and hope everything will be alright," she said.

This year, for the most part, Jenifer stuck to the promises he made to students at the end of last school year. "I told students that the financial aid and registration process

would be better this year than it had ever been before. I think I kept my promise," said Jenifer.

President Jenifer has become known as a man of action. The Commission Report he initiated received national attention as one of the first instances of a university openly criticizing itself.

Students will now wait to see if those actions will be successful.

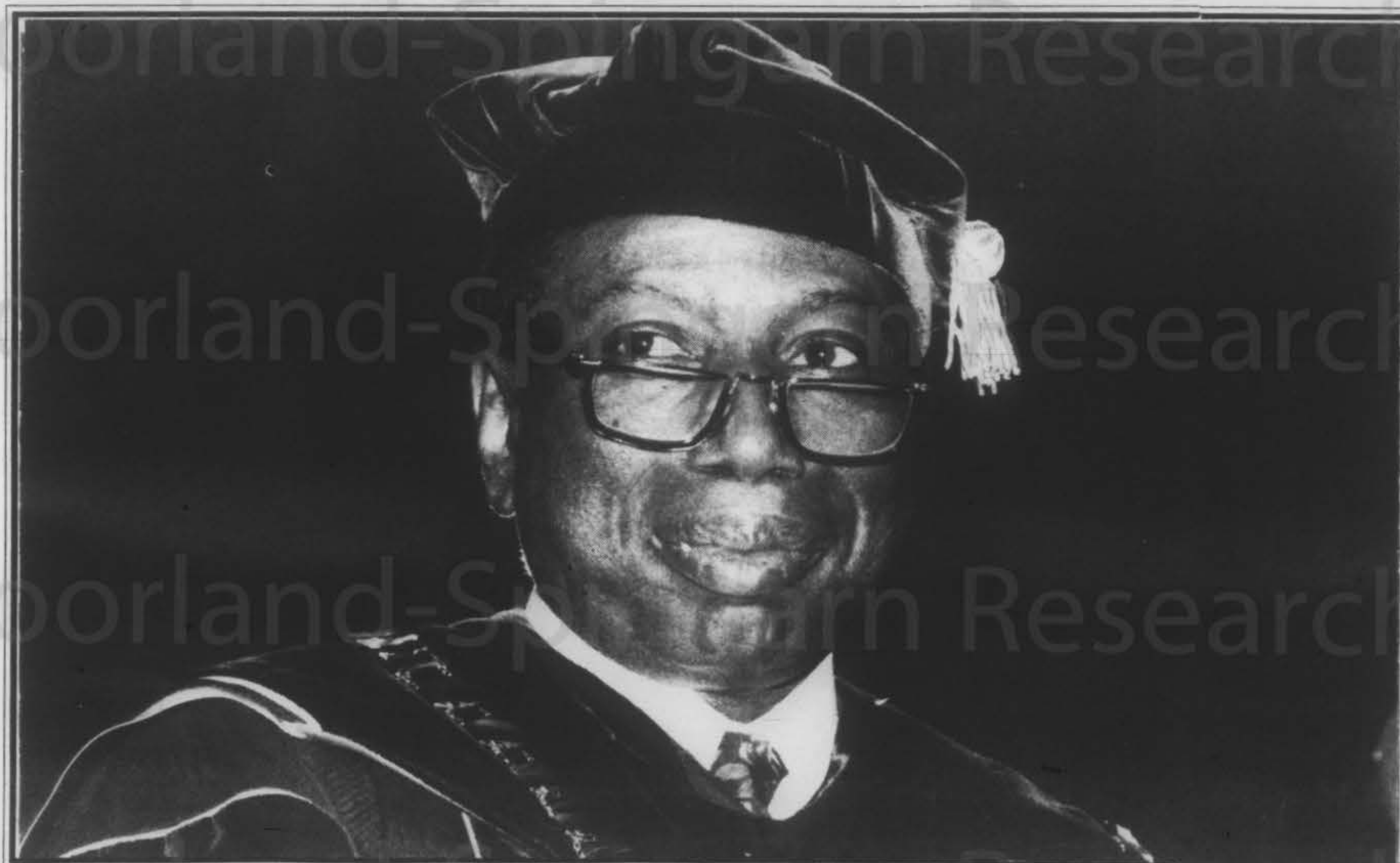


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POLICE LINE-UP

Local Crime Spills onto Howard's Campus

In a matter of seconds it was over. The aftermath, however, left the Howard University community in a daze. Dodge City had expanded its borders to engulf Howard University in a pool of crime and violence. Two lay injured as a result of gunshot wounds while two others fled into the night.

Though no Howard University students were in-

CHRISTOPHER CONTI
ASST. CAMPUS EDITOR

jured in the shooting incident on January 19, 1991 in front of the Howard Plaza Towers, notice had been served that even the Mecca of African-American education was not safe from the wave of crime and violence familiar to other areas of the Nation's Capital. On that night, the Howard University community would be inducted into an order that includes many of the city's communities.

Less than a month after the shooting, there would be another, in addition to several thefts and a series of armed robberies and assaults. One female student was assaulted as she left the shower of her dormitory, while others were robbed at gunpoint for their money and the clothes on their backs as they walked across the campus.

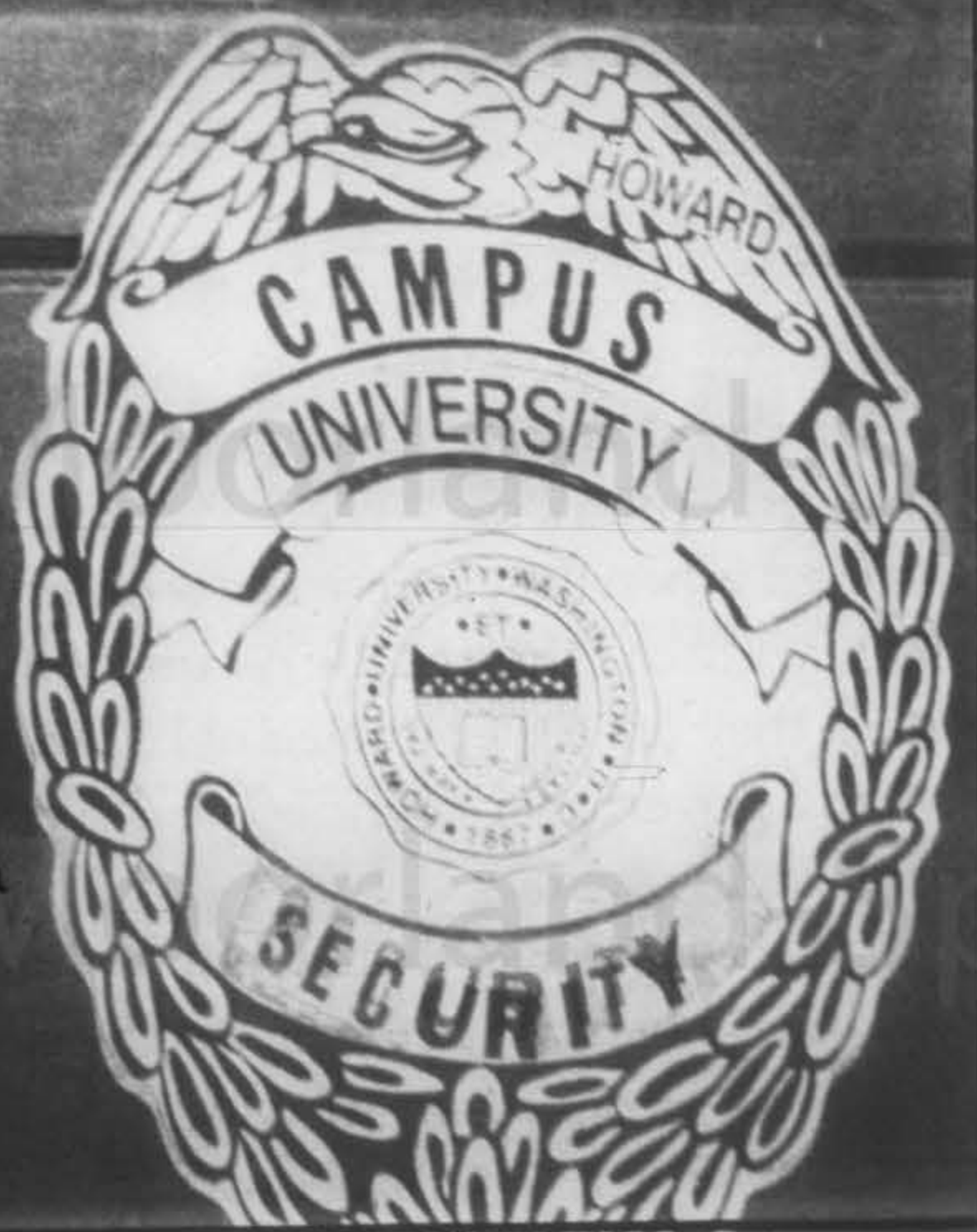
William Brown, a Howard student and present coordinator of the Crime Watch Program for the Howard University Security Division, has attempted to devise a crime program that embodies the adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The program incorporates existing university security efforts, student who escort other students across campus and a 24-hour Crime Watch telephone line hoping to "create a unified and coordinated crime prevention effort," according to Brown.



SOMETIMES CALLED "HOWARD'S FINEST," SECURITY

DO NOT CROSS



KEN RANCE

AS BEEN GRILLED FOR THEIR HANDLING OF THE HIGH CRIME RATE ON CAMPUS.

Howard Univ. Security on the beat

As the crime rate in the District continues to grow in record proportions, Howard Security has been forced to institute several measures which they hope will keep much of the violence off the main yard.

Drug Free Zones, Student Escort Services, and 24-Hour Hotlines were all put into effect the past year in hopes of making the campus safer for students.

Sgt. Harold Lacy, of Howard University's Investigations Division, said he believes the measures have worked for the most part and that overall there was a drop in the amount of violence on campus this year.

ERIC L. SMITH
MANAGING EDITOR

Lacy also commended his officers for what he believed was a very good job on their part the past year.

"I think we've done an excellent job based on the neighborhood and the resources that we've had to work with," he said.

"Campus police and students have to work together," Lacy said. "We're not asking students to be police. That's what we get paid for. But we can't be everywhere at all times," he said.

Lacy hopes that the crime solvers line will help alleviate some of the problems on campus and help security solve more crimes overall.

Struggling for Financial Stability

Howard Hospital Scrambles to Get Out of Red

Howard University Hospital, which has been suffering from serious financial problems since its \$16 million dollar budget shortage over a year ago, may break even by June 30, the end of its fiscal year, said Ronald

JACQUELINE IFILL
STAFF REPORTER

Jones, chief financial officer.

By March 31, the hospital had lost \$3.8 million, but by June 30, that sum may be made up, said Jones. The good news comes long awaited after HUH feared it would lose \$25 million by the end of this fiscal year.

Howard University Hospital has better controlled the costs of supplies, salaries, malpractice expense, and contract nurses. In 1990, HUH spent \$8 million on contract nurses, this year it spent less than \$2 million, said Jones.

Howard University Hospital was

losing \$1 million a month due to excess staffing, Jones explained. The staffing measure used by many Hospitals is FTE's (full time employees) per occupied bed. Hospitals similar to HUH function at 5.3 FTE's per occupied bed. Howard University Hospital, however, was functioning at 6.3 FTE's per occupied bed. In order to combat the problem, 300 employees had to be laid off last summer.

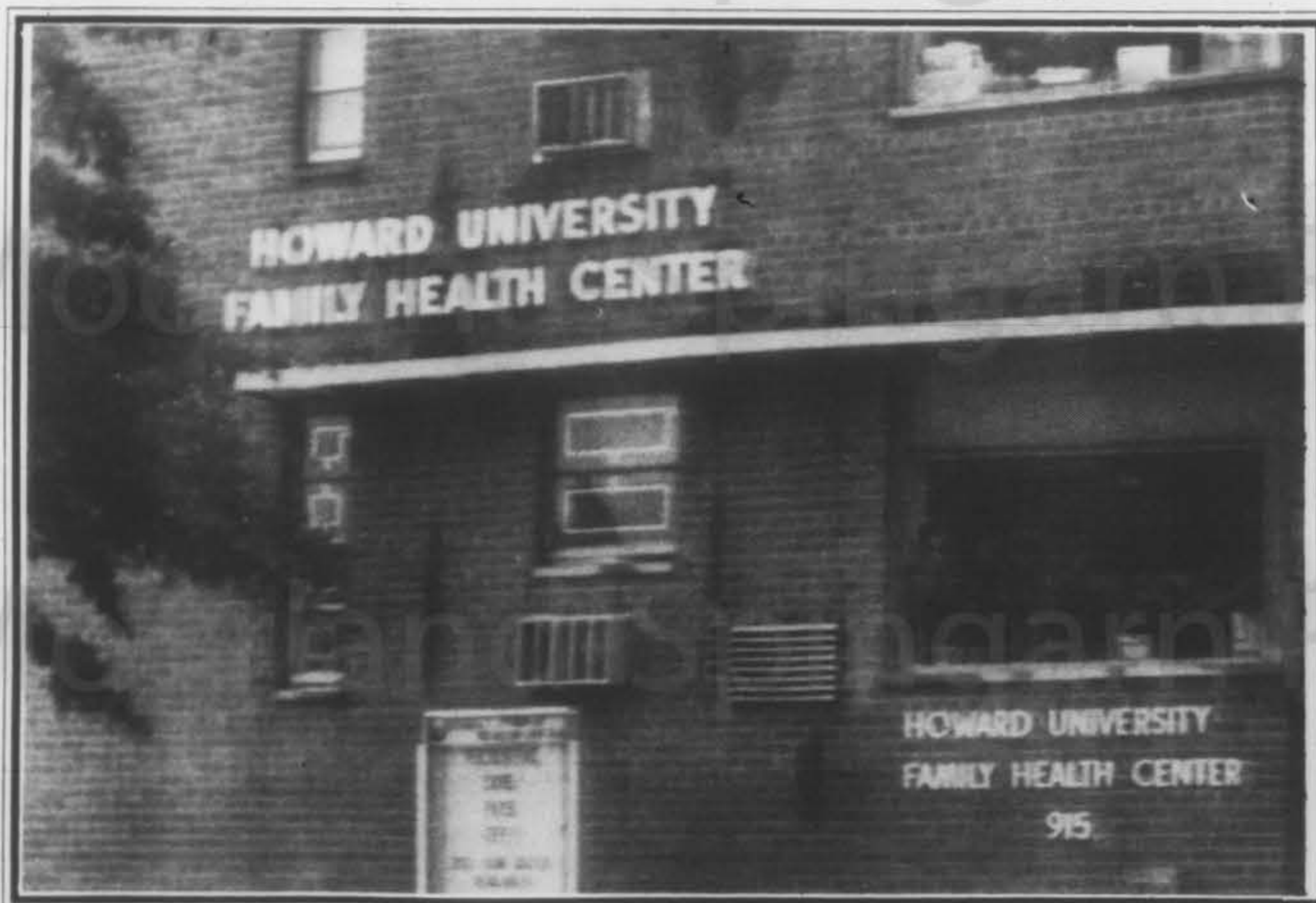
A work furlough also had to be put into effect from February 1990 until June 1990. All workers, from the executive director down, were required to take 7 days off without pay during that time period. This saved the Hospital \$8 million in salaries and benefit costs, said Jones.

One of the problems HUH has had to contend with is the large number of uninsured patients it cares for every year.

In 1989, Howard University Hospital dispensed \$35 million in uncompensated care, and only absorbed \$19 million. The rest of the money was lost.

This year, the hospital is trying to reduce the number of uninsured patients it cares for by changing its triage system in the emergency room, said Jones. Patients are screened when they arrive at the emergency room, and according to the nature of their illness, they are either treated at HUH or sent to a government-funded health care facility in the area.

"Ten years ago, there were 70 minority-owned hospitals in the United States. Now there are less than 10, with Howard being the largest. This is because there are not enough paying patients to support these institutions," said Jones.



HOWARD HOSPITAL ACCEPTS MANY PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SHOT OR STABBED.

KEN RANCE

White Students on Campus Spur Debate

Since its founding in 1867, Howard University has been a predominantly black institution of higher learning. But, despite tradition, some students were concerned over the year about the alleged increase of Caucasians on the campus.

"It's a mistake on the university's part to enroll any more white students or hire any more white faculty members. It's one of those cases where you give somebody an inch and they take a mile," said junior Public Relations major Steffanie Carr.

ERICKA GRAVETT
STAFF REPORTER

As cited in the Sept. 21 issue of *The Hilltop*, African-American studies major Faydra Fields knows the reality of the integration of white students on predominantly black campuses.

"They (Kentucky State) brought in more white faculty, white administrators, white students, and soon the school was predominantly white," Fields said.

In spite of statements such as these, some students do not fear Howard will turn into a white institution.

"The students would not let that happen. We will not tolerate that. That's why many of us come to 'The Mecca'—to receive a black education," said freshman Political Science major Lisa Blevins. "We did not come here to receive a white education, we could do that elsewhere."

According to Linda Sanders-Hawkins, the coordinator for on-campus visitation for the office of student recruitment, there are approximately 98 white students enrolled. Out of this number, only 48 are enrolled as



STUDENTS REACTED TO THE PRESENCE OF WHITE STUDENTS AT HOWARD.

KEVIN LEE

undergraduates. Most are coming through pre-professional programs.

Howard University President Franklyn G. Jenifer did not believe students should be worried about white integration at Howard and feels the need to preserve the African heritage at Howard.

"I don't think that's an issue. We may get 10 white students each year...maybe 20. I do not consider these students a threat," Jenifer said. "The numbers are too small."

Regina M. Mack contributed to this report.

Howard University witnessed an upsurge of student activism this year in response to the Persian Gulf War. Students organized, mobilized, rallied, educated, marched, and even burned an American flag in protest against the war.

Anti-war activities began on the campus last fall with a series of rallies on the Yard. The speakers at the rallies pointed out

MALCOM CARSON INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

the contradictions of a U.S. foreign policy which is willing to send hundreds of thousands of troops to fight and die to free Iraq, but yet has been reluctant to fully enforce economic sanctions against the apartheid regime in South Africa. Although South Africa illegally occupied Namibia for decades, the U.S. and the rest of the Western

logue on the issues involved. Activists from the 1960's gave the insight of years of experience in political movements to help prevent history from repeating itself in a negative way.

Many students worried about their friends and relatives who had signed up for military service only for economic reasons and not out of any drive to "fight for their country." But now these same loved ones found themselves in the middle of the Arabian desert on the eve of a major military confrontation.

With hundreds of students in attendance and speakers from a cross-section of student organizations, including the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), the rallies demonstrated that a large percentage of the student body opposed President Bush's moves toward war in the Gulf. While the nation moved closer and closer to war as the semester drew to an

Love Not War

Students Protest U.S. War Involvement in Gulf

powers never took serious action against it.

The role of black troops in the U.S. military was one of the central themes of the rallies. Students asked how America could expect young black women and men to fight for it all across the world, but yet refuse to provide them with equality when they returned home. President Bush's veto of the Civil Rights Act of 1990 was frequently cited as a prime example of the administration's lack of interest in the very people they were sending in heavily disproportionate numbers to fight for them.

Several teach-ins were also held on the campus during this period. They served as opportunities for students to engage in a deeper level of education and dia-

end, the movement grew in both size and intensity.

January 15 marked both the deadline set by the U.N. Security Council for the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait and the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., America's greatest voice of peace and equality. Howard students were outraged at this fundamental contradiction and 2000 of them marched to the White House rather than attend school that day to voice their opposition. A smaller contingent continued on to the Vietnam Memorial to remind themselves and the nation of the true human costs of war.

Although this was one of the largest political actions taken by Howard students

in recent times, and it occurred within the context of mass protest in D.C. and across the nation against the looming war, Bush continued down the path toward war, seemingly

tion Action Movement (SLAM) engaged in acts of guerrilla theater to keep the war at the forefront of students' minds and to press the University to take a stand, something it



AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT CALL AGAINST THE WAR

ACTIVIST DICK GREGORY LED BLACK STUDENTS FROM HOWARD AND OTHER SCHOOLS IN A WAR PROTEST NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE.

AVES BOLDEN

without a thought for the thousands of protestors thronging in his front yard around the clock. On Jan. 16, the nation was at war.

Now that the war had begun, the students were forced to turn to more radical methods of anti-war action in an attempt to bring the conflict to an end. Many recognized that the war would not be stopped by peaceful appeals to the powers-that-be, but it would only end as a result of militant, mass action in the streets and on the campuses of the nation.

A group known as the Student Libera-

never did. They placed tombstones and body bags with anti-war messages on them around the campus, held a death march which ended at Dr. Jenifer's office with a demand for action, and took over part of Douglas Hall for an all-day, anti-war teach-in.

Black Nia F.O.R.C.E. urged students to prepare themselves for the worst by buying surplus bottled water, food, and gas masks, while the Student Call Against the War (SCAW) organized still more Friday anti-war rallies on the Yard. At one such rally, an unknown group of activists, unconnected

Members of SLAM
attended a national
student anti-war
conference which
drew more than
2000 students.



BLACK NIA F.O.R.C.E. WAS VERY ACTIVE DURING THE WAR.

FILE PHOTO

with SCAW, burned the American flag which flew over the campus, as an act of protest against the war.

Howard students also participated in some of the city-wide and national anti-war activities. There were two major marches on Washington - one on Jan. 19 which drew around 100,000 people and another on Jan. 27, which drew 250,000.

Members of SLAM attended a national student anti-war conference at Sidwell Friends High School in upper Northwest Washington which drew over 2000 students from everywhere east of the Mississippi. The conference, which was organized by the

National Student and Youth Campaign Against the War, laid out the agenda for the future of the anti-war movement, deciding upon Feb. 21, the date of Malcolm X's assassination, as a focal point for student activism.

The war ended sooner and with fewer U.S. casualties than many students expected. Many felt relieved, while others condemned the U.S.-led coalition for the incredible human suffering it had inflicted upon the people of Iraq—over 100,000 reported civilian casualties. Some still wonder what it was that sets the Kurds apart from the Kuwaitis besides their lack of oil.

The movement which was sparked by the war has not died with it, however. Other long-standing issues such as apartheid, imperialism, and the oppression of women have captured the attention of the organizations which came together originally to oppose the war, as well as those already in existence before it started. So Howard can expect to get used to a heightened level of political activity in the foreseeable future.



BURNING SPARKED CHEERS FROM SOME, JEERS FROM OTHERS.

FILE PHOTO

Networking for the Future

Ivan Bates and Patrice Grant to Serve as President and Vice-President of HUSA

They announced their candidacy for president and vice-president of the Howard University Student Association.

The speakouts and campaigning led Ivan Bates and Patrice Grant to election day on February 27.

According to general assembly election committee officials, out of 1,858 votes, Bates and Grant were the leaders in the HUSA election with 839 votes.

However, their quest still was not over. The Bates/Grant slate still had to go against the Garfield Bright/Darnell Dinkins slate, since none of the HUSA slates earned the required 51 percent of the total number of votes cast to be declared a winner. Bates/Grant received 45 percent, Bright Dinkins, 26 percent, and Reed/James, 24 percent.

"[The campaign] was a lot of work and I don't think Patrice and I have caught our breath," said Bates. "We were very honored by the victory because it lets us know that Howard University is behind us—that a large part of the student body believes in us."

During their campaign, Bates and Grant addressed their concerns about security, scholarships based on need, community responsibility, in addition to other issues.

Now, Ivan and Patrice have set their 1991-92 agenda with those issues in mind. The new HUSA administration has met three times to discuss plans for their agenda, including those already enacted and those for the summer and fall.

The 1991-92 agenda includes programs the staff hopes will benefit both the Howard family and the community.

"We're trying to bring the community into Howard, as well as Howard into the community," Grant said.

Programs will include:

- Howard University Escort Service:
- Scholarships Based On Need
- The HUSA Update Newsletter
- Community Responsibility
- ATM Machine in Blackburn Center
- Working for Civil Rights: Ronald



IVAN BATES AND PATRICE GRANT EMBRACE AFTER THEIR VICTORY.

KEN KANCE

Are you or are you not graduating into a recession? Everyone fears it. Let's talk about what that really means in terms of economic activity. In a great growth year, the U.S. Gross National Product rises by maybe three percent. In a recession year, we're looking at something just shy of no growth at all or a GNP drop of as much as a

might be in the technology areas and in the steel industry.

But even general rules you need to be careful of. A big U.S. carmaker may say, "We're idling a plant for a week, and we've laid off 6,000 hourly workers." But because of retirements in the management ranks, they may not only be hiring, but may be

JOB HUNTING

1991 Graduates Face

half of one percent. So we're not talking about major shutdowns in economic activity.

The first thing to do is not to be terrified by the word recession. Secondly, it af-

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fects some industries and companies much more than others. One of the special twists in a recession is to keep your general business reading up to date, and listen for themes. Turn on Financial News Network, the business segment of CNN, and listen for the messages of those who will be affected by recession.

What do you look for in general business reading? First of all, you look for layoffs, and signs of contraction. The general rule is, the smaller the business and the older the industry the more it will be affected by a downturn. A fifty person globe manufacturer might only have six professional positions. None of them are going to be for recent college grads anyway. On the other hand, there are some industries that do just fine in recession: public utilities, food companies, pharmaceuticals. In this recession, it looks like international trade will be doing well.

Companies that might scale back a bit

hiring on campus.

The recession has had more of an impact on who comes to campus to recruit, than who's hiring. You may see a greater drop in the number of arriving interviewers and the number of companies visiting campus than you will see of companies not hiring at all.

When starting on that first job chase, it has been said, "learn the business from the 'Big Boys,'" and then decide which size company you want to go to. That's not always good advice, but it's a bit better advice during recession.

For example, look at the banking business. In a recession, it may hire a bit less, but it won't go out of the hiring market. That plus the fact that banks are under earnings pressure. What do you do? There are plenty of places in New York City where they're laying off. New York City is not a good place to look. However, commercial banking activity may be growing in commercial centers that are growing. Las Vegas, to cite one such center, is booming. Honolulu is just fine. Los Angeles is OK, but not as robust as it has been. Avoid small towns in layoff areas, like New England.

As you intensify your scans of the business trade press, look for the industries not mentioning heavy layoffs, downsizing, etc. And likewise, look for the regions of the country that are not. Target the larger players

in the substantial industries, industries that are not necessarily considered "mature."

And make sure your strategy is not just an "on-campus" strategy. Want to launch a banking career? Consider relocation: Detroit (yes, I said Detroit) and the First National Bank of Detroit, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Bank One in Columbus, Ohio.

Regional-based articles in publications such as Business Week may be helpful as well. Articles with titles like "Can Texas Come Back From the Oil Glut?" can yield lots of useful information. Speaking of Texas, from what I've been able to read, the Lone Star State is in the midst of a major rebound. Houston is not nearly as oil-de-

IN A RECESSION

Tough Challenge

Last semester's internship is especially important now. Say you want to go into banking. Your internship was with a financial services company, not a bank. Position yourself on paper, on the phone and in person, as having had job experience that is transferable to that banking environment. That little added notch of experience will make a difference. If they're not hiring "none" just hiring "fewer," you have to stand out just a little bit more.

A recession doesn't mean the door is closed, but it may mean the lock's been changed. You may need a different key to get in.

Say you want to get into the banking business. Would you take a job as a six-dollar-an-hour teller in a bank in order to become employed? The answer should be "yes." Don't stay too long, be willing to do it for four to six months, and don't try to get a management job with the same bank, because they won't see you in that light. But if being a teller is your best way to get in the door, then do it.

I've mentioned relocation more than once. The next logical question is how do you know where to move to? Business-driven publications like *Changing Times* and *Money* magazines are constantly surveying the economic climate of communities throughout the U.S. So take the time to read them.

pendent, and because of such diversification, the fortunes of Texas are improving.

Speaking of improving fortunes, now that Desert Storm is a memory, our recession may not last as long or be as deep as originally thought. But while it's still here, remember this: almost no doors are closed because of a recession. What happens is the "doorway" narrows. The opportunity is there.

The width of the door varies by function as well. Accountants and financial types tend to do better in a downturn than in so-called growth times. When things are expanding, employers generally want salespeople to work existing markets and marketers to find new markets. In a downturn, employers tend to pay more attention to the bottom line.

Things are also a little harder for the liberal arts graduate during recession. "Selling yourself" becomes all the more critical now.

Patience also plays a key role. The time between your first contact with a company and your being hired is likely to take longer during a recession.

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**TO TAKE A BREAK
FROM ACADEMICS.**

Editorial

**'Let me explain
what this means to
us common folks'**



*editorial***Commission Report:**

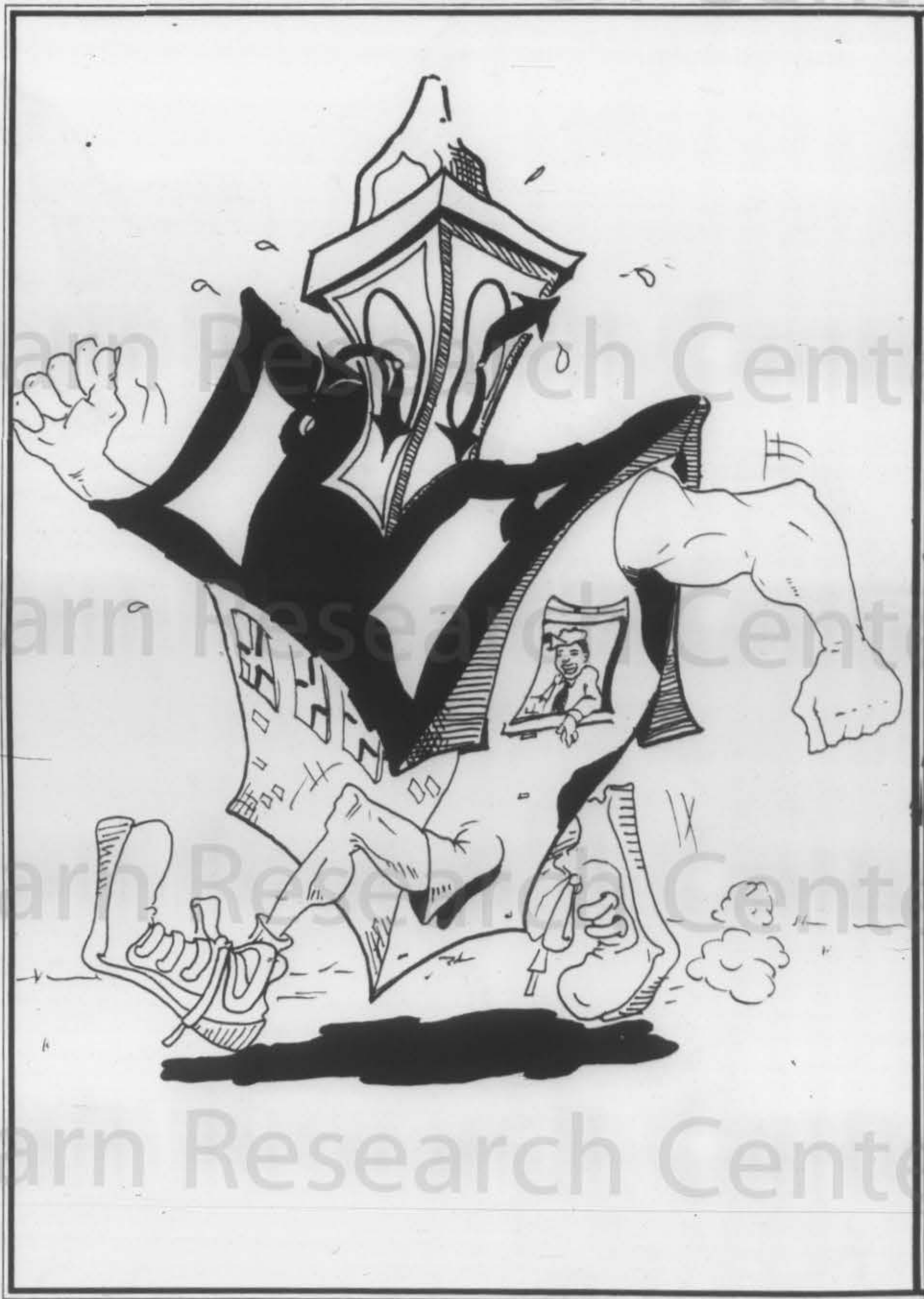
This week marks the end of the 124th year Howard has sought to educate young black minds while preparing them for the challenges which face them in a world which has yet to accept those persons of color for who they are. President Franklyn Jenifer has, in his "Howard 2000" report, presented some necessary alterations to make Howard "fit and trim" for what lies ahead for those who will take the place of many of us who study here today. However, challenges lie ahead for all of the Howard community as these alterations begin to take shape in several different areas next fall.

Selecting and Nurturing Successful Students—Howard University students must play a role in encouraging future Howard students to excel at the high school level, to prepare for the SAT and to plan early for college, as a new Howard University Index based on class rank, grade point average and SAT scores will play a major role in the admission's process.

For present Howard students, outstanding scholastic achievement will be the key for the years to come as the university develops a Howard Scholars program for juniors and seniors with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Developing and Supporting Out-

standing Faculty—A call for action has gone out to the faculty to do more research, be even more productive and continue to enlighten the young minds which pass



through these hallowed grounds every four years.

But in order to accomplish the goals set forth by Dr. Jenifer, our faculty needs to be free to do the necessary research while not forsaking the students who need their expertise in the classroom.

Refocusing Schools and Colleges—

Challenges Ahead

Students presently enrolled in those programs which have been slated to be eliminated or moved must adjust and build on this new foundation. In programs where a

For the sake of a better university, this refocusing is but a small cost for a larger reward.

Other Academic Needs—Outside of our academic units, there are other areas of this great institution which cry for improvement. Dr. Jenifer has called for these areas to undergo some changes as well. For example, there will be some changes made to our library system, which is the largest of any university's in the District of Columbia.

But those making adjustments must not let complacency and tradition preclude making the necessary changes to improve our university. Likewise, those on the receiving end need to be considerate and realize that these changes cannot happen overnight. They cannot be sustained without the help of everyone.

Additionally, as the new university centers for International Affairs and Urban Affairs and Research, and the Insti-

call was made for them to increase enrollment, there need to be new strategies for recruitment. The "Howard Show," showcasing the best of Howard, should be taken to high schools, community colleges, community groups and the streets, where those who can benefit from such programs are located.

tutes for Entrepreneurial Studies and Islamic Studies become available, everyone must take the time to utilize these new resources. Instructors must also build these new offerings into their course curricula.

With this attitude and action, we can make sure that Howard will forever stand "firm and true."

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editorial

Around the Nation

Throughout this school year, our nation has been faced with issues and events which have sparked change. These changes have paved the road this country will travel for decades to come. Here are but a few of the issues and events from around the nation we believe deserve review.

...Though *The Hilltop* advocated returning to Virginia Beach (after students were the victims of police brutality) in order to safe-guard civil liberties, black collegians worked hard to establish alternatives to the beach which kept our money in the black community...

...President George Bush's veto of the Civil Rights Act of 1990 sent a foreboding message that our nation's commander-in-chief did not possess the courage necessary to breach the ever-widening cavern of racial strife threatening our nation's prosperity...

...The notorious Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) attempted to stage two rallies and demonstrations in the nation's capitol. Ironically, the same police forces that

beat-down civil rights marchers with the clubs of democracy in the 1960's and denied the Black Panthers their first amendment rights, came out in full force to protect the murderous KKK. Fortunately, protestors were victorious in stopping the Klan from marching, and in sending the message that their racism will no longer be tolerated...

...Sharon Pratt Dixon made history as the first black female elected mayor in the District...

...Black Georgetown Law Students were outraged when a white student wrote a commentary for their school newspaper that disclosed confidential information and alleged that the academic accomplishments of minorities were fewer than those of white students...

...Students at Hampton University were betrayed by their university's administration when the president of the institution scheduled President George Bush as the commencement speaker against the wishes of students. Evidently, Hampton is an institution that does not place the concerns of its students high on its list of priorities...

Hopefully, the graduates of 1991 will make major contributions which will shape events to come.

Around the World

editorial

One of the things that makes Howard unique is its international mix of students from Africa, South America and the Caribbean. With the onset of the Persian Gulf War, we joined the rest of America and the world as they looked toward this situation of great conflict. But the war was not the only event which drew our attention on an international level.

The efforts of the United States to "help" smaller countries, we've learned, in many instances, have done more to hurt them. Specifically, in Angola, the rebel organization UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola), supported by the U.S., actually destroyed a large portion of the property and transportation systems in Angola. Through its efforts to support this organization, the U.S. has increased this country's dependence on the racist South African government.

Moreover, this is the same government whose leader was welcomed with open arms last fall by our own President Bush. While Frederick W. DeKlerk made some seemingly unprecedented moves toward abolishing the apartheid system, one must be careful to move too quickly to lift sanctions as Congress is presently beginning to do.

The country of Zaire, we have found, is suffering from a poor condition of life. With the international conference last fall, we are now aware of what the situation is and can now move to change it. We

see rulers like Mobutu Sese Seko with a clearer view. We can observe how the United States helped him into power by conveniently eliminating the previous leader, Patrice Lumumba.

In Somalia, after 21 years, Mohamed Siad Barre was toppled from power and a new era of democracy was begun. And in Angola, the two sides who have been at odds for several years signed an accord. The peace was good news.

But in countries like Sudan, it was different. This country is still facing famine conditions, and its civil war has not helped the situation any.



He's pledgin'
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the basics!



DA BAMA ROYNOLDS '91

Howard University graduates of 1991, *The Hilltop*, along with everyone else, would like to offer you our congratulations and advice.

Congratulations on a job well done! Completing your undergraduate education has been no small task, and the tasks and challenges that lie ahead of you will be no less daunting. Your years here have been marked by victories and defeats, accomplishments as well as failures, but you have managed to learn from your mistakes and be

editorial

A MESSAGE TO THE GRADS

inspired by your attainments, ever mindful that the important thing was not always to win the battle, but to win the war. Congratulations to you—victors all.

This graduating class will enter a changing world. Fed up with the consumerism of the 1980's, your generation is being lead back to the basics in life: coffee over cappuccino, bottled water over Perrier, Hondas over Beamers. The age of the Yuppie has passed, ushered out by the 1987 stock market crash and the present recession we are experiencing. More and more, people are shirking the fast-paced, express-line, corporate-ladder-climbing, urban life-styles to enjoy life in the suburbs and rural areas, pursuing careers and life-styles that make them happy, not

that necessarily make them wealthy. People are finally coming to the realization that no one on their deathbed ever whispered: "I wish I had spent more time at the office." As you begin your careers, remember the things that are truly important, not the things that society says are important. Remember, while there is always an extra dollar that can be earned, time spent away from family and friends is time that is lost forever.

Remember the Basics. While the years spent at Howard will increase your standard of living, remembering what you learned in kindergarten will increase your quality of life. Robert Fulghum, author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, reminds us that no matter how many degrees we earn, the most important knowledge is knowing how to live with people.

The rules for living in harmony with others were not learned in sociology or psychology classes at Howard, they were attached to a wall in our kindergarten classroom:

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Don't hit people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up your own mess
- Don't take things that don't belong to you
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody
- Wash your hands before you eat
- Flush
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you
- Live a balanced life: learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday some
- Take a nap every afternoon
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Basic? Yes, but the basics are what we always return to.

As you are remembering the basics, re-

member this university, your university, Howard University. Remember the instructor who would not accept second best, and give it your all. Remember the professor who would not give up on you, and do not

Remember, while
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give up on yourself. Remember the friend who stuck by you when you needed it most, and be a friend to someone else. Remember the people who fought and died for you to be where you are right now, and give something of yourself for your posterity.

Remember the challenges that this university set before you, and help to ensure that it will continue to challenge generations to come, giving criticism when warranted, and praise likewise.

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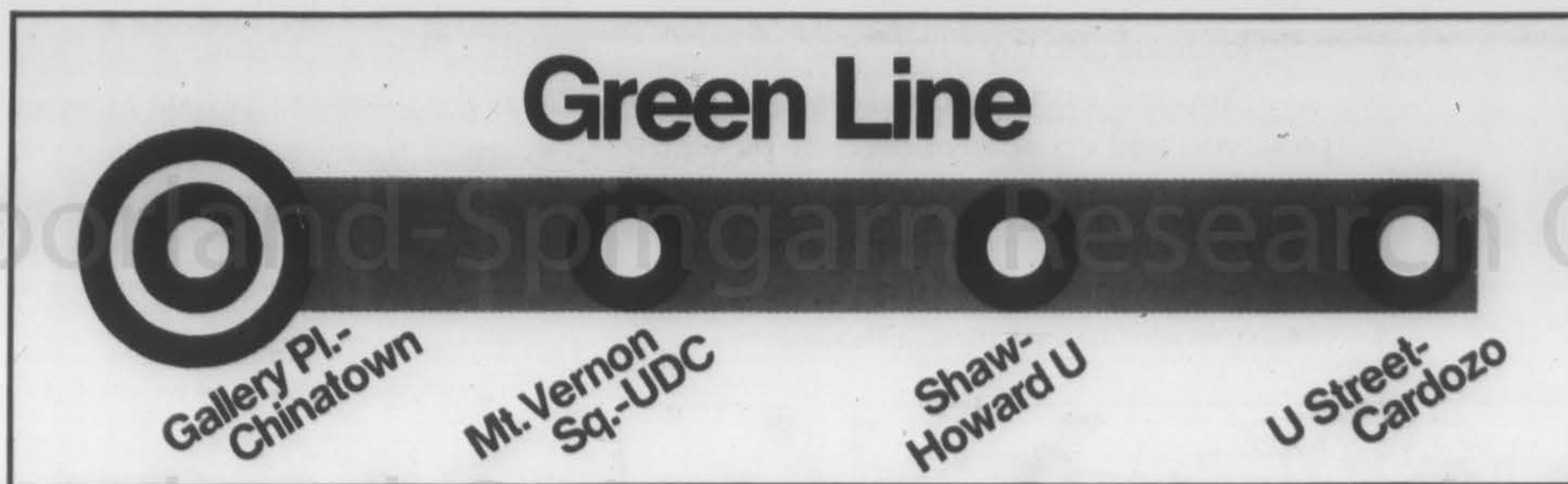


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A Message From the President

I am pleased and honored to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations on this auspicious occasion.

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DR. FRANKLYN JENIFER

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

you worked hard; you kept your goal firmly in sight; and you never let it go. You also wisely made use of all the resources of an institution that has meant so much to so many for such a long time.

I am speaking, of course, of Howard University, which as most of you undoubtedly know, is also my own alma mater.

You will find, as I did, that as the years pass, you will come to appreciate Howard University even more than you perhaps do today. You will discover that at Howard, you learned much more than specific facts, concepts and techniques, although you

certainly learned these.

You will understand that through the Howard University education you took for granted when you were here, you developed a broad view of the world, a sense of self-worth, a talent for leadership, and an enduring appreciation of the unique heritage of people of African descent.

You will also see that in the years you spent in these classrooms and libraries and laboratories and studios, you picked up some vital skills that are essential for success in any field: the ability to analyze and solve problems, and to make critical judgements. By then you will have found a comfortable niche in that long line of Howard University graduates who are making important contributions to their profession, their communities, this nation and, indeed, the world.

Wherever your paths from this historic campus will take you, always remember that Howard University is "home." Recall the words of the late Howard W. Thurman, that great theologian who served Howard as professor of Christian theology and dean of the Chapel. "A man must be at home somewhere," he once said, "before he can feel at home everywhere."

For generations of men and women of African descent, and others, Howard is and always will be "home."

Know that the door to this home is always open to you. It is my fervent hope that you, in turn, will support the old and venerable homestead in any way you can so that others may benefit from a Howard University education in the same way that you and I have benefited.

I have made some good friends among the members of the Class of 1991. While I am sorry to have to say good-bye, I am sure we will keep in touch.



Oooouch! I screamed when the grocery bag hit my knee. I was sitting by the door, as I usually do, when several people walked by. It was six o'clock in the evening and I was very tired. I was on my way home from work and I wasn't ready or willing to deal with any nonsense.

I couldn't help but laugh when the sixth person that night stepped on my foot, and to top it off, didn't even say excuse me. I mean I really wanted to scream.

Was it everyone else or was it me? Are

by other hurried downtown businessmen and women trying to catch the blue or orange lines into downtown D.C. This is the only time that this laid back Capital City of 'wanna be' important people seem to get really busy - down in the deep shady tunnels of the Metro subway.

Think about how fun it is to stand next to a complete stranger for 15 or 20 minutes and hope that they're 'raising their hands because they're SURE.'

Perhaps the best part of riding in the

commentary

Bussin' Em Up

people today rude and inconsiderate or am I too polite? I began to wonder if I had too

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much home training or if my fellow Metro bus riders had none.

According to their advertisement, "Why Torture Yourself?" Metro would like for us to believe that using public transportation is less frustrating and less worrisome to the Psyche than driving in bumper to bumper traffic on the beltway, but is it? They would also like for us to believe that the system is more economical than buying gas, but is it?

Think about it! Think about the extra money you can't save by not filling up the gas tank. The average rider spends approximately \$8.00 a day traveling in rush hour to and from the suburbs into the city and back. That's \$40.00 in one week and \$160.00 by the end of the month. For some people that's almost a weeks pay.

Think about the time you don't save in the morning by not looking for a parking space. Instead, you can get plenty of exercise by running to catch the bus or by wispig

same seats that millions of others have ridden in is a feeling of camaraderie. People of various races, from various socio-economic backgrounds and who hold various titles all come together to go to work. It's great in a way. No one knows who has the 1990 Porsche and no one knows who has the 1970 Chevette. No one knows who resides in Livingston or Hunnington and no one really cares. For a brief moment the polarization of the city ceases and people are just that - people

But, the Metro system (to me) could not compare to sitting in a plush, comfortable and roomy seat in my very own car. There's nothing like having air-conditioning when you're hot and having heat when you're cold. I would rather be sitting in bumper to bumper traffic viewing the sights in this city instead of looking at hungry, exhausted and angry faces in the evening. I wouldn't mind searching around for a parking space as long as I'm comfortable. I wouldn't mind waiting for traffic lights or for pedestrians to cross the street as long as I'm comfortable.

So, you think it's selfish of me to want to be so comfortable? You might be right.

But, I guess I will continue using Metro's services because I don't have a car, but if I did I would not have to worry about someone stepping on my toes.

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Medium Blue- Failed a three credit class: Subtract \$600.00

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3. Each player begins the game with \$5000.00, the pencil and paper will be used to keep track of additions and subtractions to and from this amount. Each player owes their university a total of \$8000.00 which they may accumulate as they play. This money is necessary if they intend to GRADUATE!, and payments may be made anytime during the game. A total paid by each player toward their graduation should be kept under the name of the "A Building". As they move from square to square it is possible for the players to accumulate money by passing classes, doing well on tests etc., which they can use to settle their accounts and GRADUATE! However, it is possible as well for the players to lose money by spending it frivolously. A player must have both the money to graduate and have reached the GRADUATION! square to successfully complete the course.



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THE  HILLTOP

commentary

Villainous Life in the District

The service was a nice one. Boy did they give that Reggie a good send-off. He would be happy if he were here now. But, of course, we wouldn't be at this funeral then.

"Third one this week," Reverend Foster, the neighborhood preacher, said. "Yeah, I'm burry in 'em faster than I'm marry in 'em," he concluded, jokingly.

Reggie was the third brother from our block to get killed in the business. We had grown up together. I knew him like a brother. He was sharp, always stayed clear of danger, and never got caught by them punk cops. But that's the way it goes in the business—live today and die tomorrow.

Reggie's mother loved her son, at least she said she did. At the Funeral she cried and shouted "Reggie? Why you want to leave us? Don't leave me Reggie. Don't leave me baby. I love you so much baby."

She was hysterical. It took five people to hold her still during Reggie's wake. It amazed me when in the height of her hysteria she said, "I failed you Reggie. If I really loved you when you was here, this woulda

never have happened. If I really loved you, you would have never been in the streets doing what you were doing. If I really loved you, I would have told you, you were doing wrong. But I didn't baby, I didn't."

I didn't understand her. My mother never told me what we were doing was wrong. How could it be? The business was paying all of our bills. MaMa seemed happy

when I paid the rent and brought her new stuff for the apartment. Everybody in D.C., except Bamas, was in the business.

When they lowered Reggie's casket into the ground, I couldn't stop from thinking of the last time I saw him. I remember the day. It was snowing and Reggie was

ERIC J. DAVIS
SENIOR, L. ARTS

standing on the corner of 14th and "S" Street. He was talking to three fly girlies at the same time when all of a sudden it happened.

"Bam!" Reggie's brains looked like Christmas tree ornaments all over the green



lamp post. I lowered my arm, took my finger off the trigger, and put my gun back into my pocket.

You see, Reggie had been stealing and was coming up short in his deliveries. So, I had to silence the boy. Can you believe it? He was stealing from me, his best friend. Well, that's the way it is in the business—you ain't got no friends.

With the publication and rise to the best-seller list of Dinesh D'Souza's *Illiberal Education* (which includes a chapter on protest and Afrocentrism at Howard), the question of multicultural and Afrocentric education has once again pressed to the front of the national agenda. Howard University should take an active and meaningful role in shaping the terms of the debate.

As a graduating senior who has spent

graduation, even despite the new Afro-American Studies requirement and recent curriculum changes suggested by the Task Force on Afrocentrism. A revolutionary change is needed.

A mandatory core curriculum in the history and culture of African and African-American people should be instituted enrolling every freshman and sophomore at Howard. The sequence would be four se-

commentary

As a Graduate, I Would Suggest...

the last four years immersed in the Howard experience, I can look back appreciatively, but also critically, at the content of my experiences. Although I have gained much of the knowledge and skills which I feel I will need in my life, the educational program at Howard lacks the kind of coherence and

mesters long and draw upon the resources of the entire university. A critically analytic perspective would inform each of the courses forcing students to confront squarely the most difficult and engaging problems of our common experience.

Each of the semesters would explore in-depth the history, philosophy, religion, science, art, literature, and politics of black life during four different time-frames: (1) the classical and traditional African civilizations such as Ethiopia, Kemet (Egypt), Ghana, Mali, Songhay, the Dogon and the Akan; (2) the period of slavery in North and South America and the Caribbean; (3) the development of the history and culture of African-Americans in the post-slavery period; (4) the civil rights and black liberation movements of the 1960's and issues in the contemporary black community.

Each of these courses should carry 6 credits so that proper time could be devoted to lectures, discussions, films, extensive outside reading assignments, field trips, and lengthy, critically analytical papers. Because these courses would confront issues in philosophy, history, science, literature, art and the social sciences, most the current general education requirements would be covered, and thus could be eliminated.

MALCOLM CARSON
SENIOR, L. ARTS

direction which would have served me better. Instead, I was left to my own devices to fashion a curriculum to suit my needs. I would like, then, to offer some suggestions as a contribution to the discussion of education at Howard.

There should be three core objectives of every Howard education: (1) a solid and thorough grounding in the history and culture of African and African-American people; (2) critical and analytical skills to enable students to effectively think for ourselves; and (3) the knowledge and skills necessary for success in our respective fields of endeavor.

The current curriculum fails to ensure that all Howard students will gain the abovementioned knowledge and skill before

commentary

I think, before many of us become ensconced in our summer lifestyles, there are some things—which perturb me (actually, they piss me off, but who cares about precise terminology here?)—that merit mentioning in this last issue of *The Hilltop*. They are not things that

Let's Call a Spade a Spade ♠

will make you go "hmm," if you will, Arsenio, but rather things we need to work on before we return in the fall.

Yes, these things may seem minuscule to some of you, but they are, nevertheless, real and important to many on this campus; were they not, I would not be compelled to write this article. Were they not, I would not hear people bitching about them semester-after-semester, and yes, I am an authority because I've been

here for eight semesters!

First of all, ladies, WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THIS NAKEDNESS? COVER YOURSELVES! I understand it is going to be really hot this summer, and if the Spring Picnic was indicative of the way some of you are going to present yourselves as "black queens," I suggest you return to peasantry with all deliberate speed. Now of course I see this from a lady's point-of-view, which may be deemed pretentious, but when men comment on the prostitutionalized way some of us dress, we can consider it legitimate. Ok, ladies? Put on some clothes when you return this fall.

Next topic: ETIQUETTE - How about we don't have any? Was I the only one who grew up with Please, Thank You, I'm Sorry, Excuse Me, and May I? Does it hurt you that much to say "thank you" when someone is holding the door for you in Douglass? Or to say "I'm sorry" when you let it slam in someone's face?

*UMBRELLA ETIQUETTE - How about

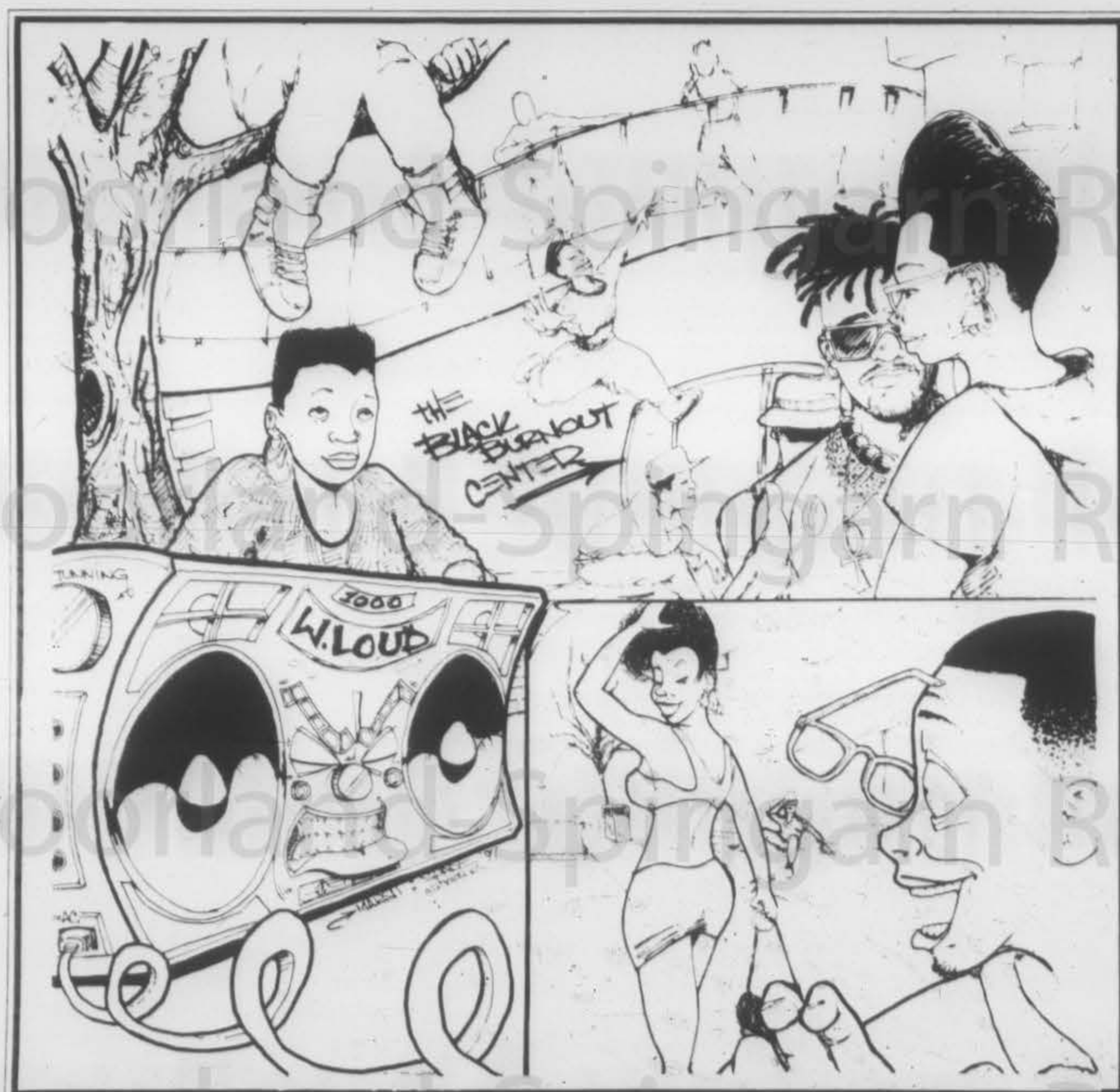
NEITA JACKSON
STAFF REPORTER

why don't you lift your umbrella up or pull it down, or move it to the side when you go up 4th Street because you KNOW how narrow 4th Street is! And you KNOW you're not trying to get punched in the face for poking somebody in the eye! So move your umbrella!

*CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE - How about why don't you quit walking in front of your teacher when he or she is lecturing? That's rude! Go around! And how about why don't you stop popping gum all in my ear so I can hear while the teacher is talking? Yeah, and I'm tired of your bookbag hitting me when you walk by because you can't find a seat because you came to class late—say "excuse me."

*CAMPUS STREET AND PATHWAY ETIQUETTE - How about why don't you move out the way when you see there is not enough room for you and your boys to go through him and his boys when y'all are walking down 4th Street? Whatcha into? Starting friction? Get out the way!

The next item to be addressed is THE BLACKBURN POSSE. Yeah, that's right, all those people cold chillin' in front of Blackburn. I am not talking about the people who do not make it an all-day activity, you know, as if they aren't enrolled in school; that's another subject. I

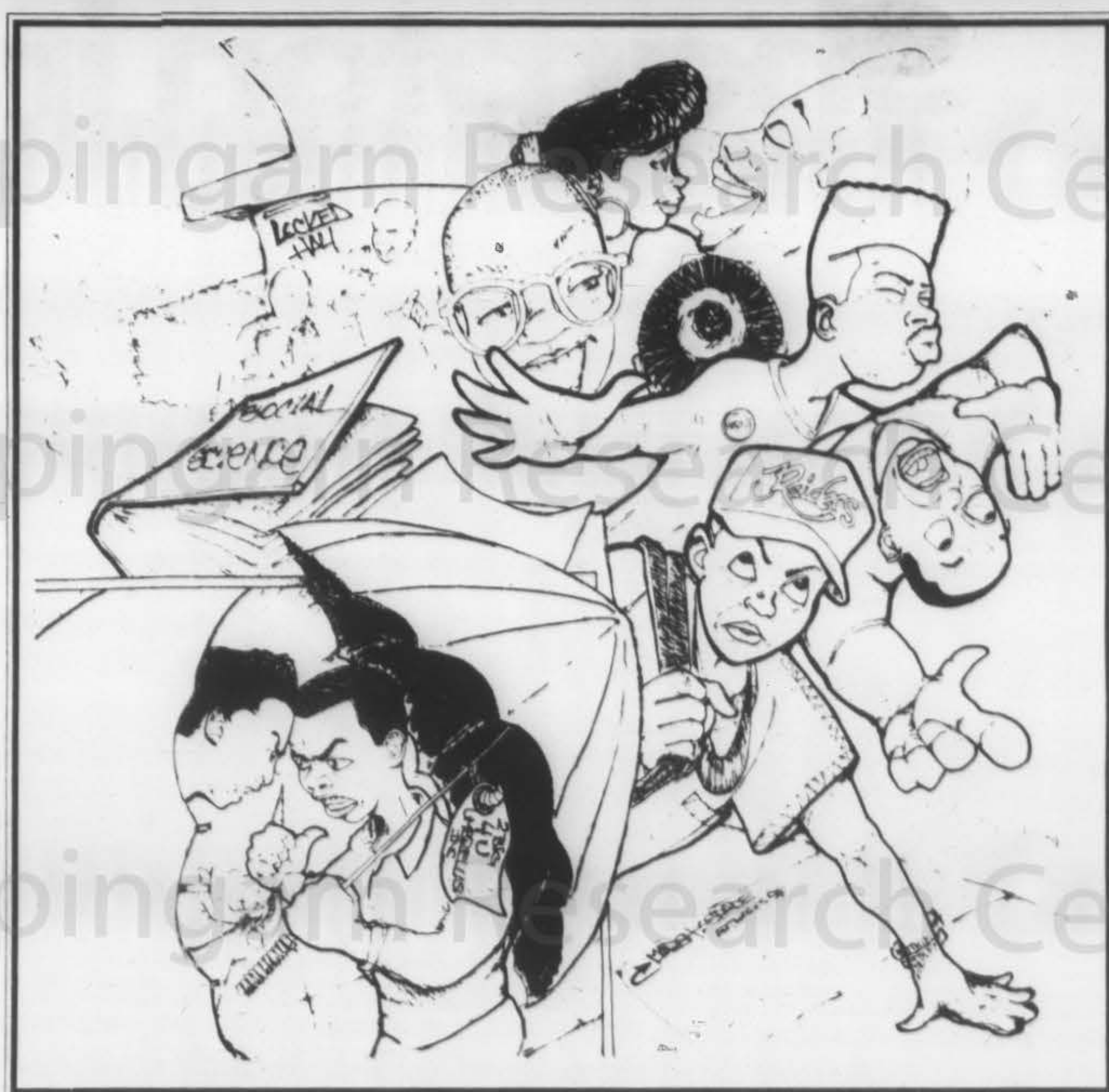


am talking about... y'all know who I'm talkin' 'bout! No need to front. Get a life, please! You think people don't have anything better to do but look at you all day? Some of you don't even GO to Howard (we know you're down with the UDC/I useta go to Howard crew), and you spend more time on the yard than... And another thing, some of y'all been hanging out in front of Blackburn for the eight semesters I've been here, plus the year before I got here.

Moving right along, Howard kids are so TRENDY. Yeah, that's right. I'm calling a spade a spade today! If Pete gets a high-top fade, you get one. He starts growing dreads or twists, your name becomes RePete. He takes his dreads out and gets a Caesar, you follow suite. *grooveisintheheartbritchesoffthewaistfliphair-stylesnoseringsbumptoeswigsmoodringsblack andgoldjacketsfatpeopleinleggingsplatformshoes championshirtsrayonprintshirtstrapezeshirts brassbraceletsbellbottompantsupagainstthewallattire*

Last on the list is that dreaded pathway, you know, the little narrow one—all of 11 feet, in front of Locke Hall. That has to be the most cumbersome stretch of land on the entire campus! People don't seem to understand they cannot socialize and congregate on that 11-foot stretch! I mean, there is only room for one-lane traffic in both directions, right? And if it just so happens one of those "where you been" reunions takes place, a "what happened to you" might follow if you don't move on. Heaven forbid the gate on the other side is closed. I have a friend who prays it is open so he won't have to tango with those slow-walking, what-you-lookin'-at, I'm-in-my-own-world kids that like to hold up traffic. The funny thing about these people is they look at *you*, the one who's *trying* to go to class, like you got a problem. It's not enough for you to stand behind them, waiting patiently, like a person with etiquette would; you have to get all indignant with them and yell, "Excuse me!" When you return in the fall, just tell those kids to get the hell out of the way because *they're* holding up traffic, and *you're* trying to get to class!

I'm sure we could all think of many more perturbing things on this campus, **LIKE:** the Founder's clock not ringing all year—freshmen have never heard it, and you definitely ain't official unless you've heard it play the alma mater at noon and six everyday; the shuttle buses that have no names and you have to get on, then ask, then get off; the attempt to overthrow campus vendors—yeah, we caught that



too; the IIII lines on the Founder's clock for the numeral "four" instead of IV; having to enter and exit Douglass from the side door because there are too many people standing in front congregating; the ignoramuses in the A-Bldg. (okay, not all of them, but who's counting?); noticeable hairweaves (if you're going to wear one, don't let *me* know it); people who look at you like you're crazy when you try to be polite and speak to them even when you don't know them; people from (fill in the blank) who perpetrate being from New York; people from New York who perpetrate being from Jamaica...

Calling a spade a spade, I'm out.

Oh, wait: THE APATHETIC ATTITUDES YOU PEOPLE HAVE AT THE "MECCA," (OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT) OF BLACK EDUCATION (AND THAT'S ANOTHER JOKE IN ITSELF BECAUSE WHAT'S BLACK ABOUT THIS UNIVERSITY BESIDES THE PEOPLE THAT GO HERE?) IS SIMPLY ASTOUNDING! I SUGGEST YOU READ A BOOK OR TWO OR TWELVE OVER THE SUMMER AND GO TO A BLACK NIA F.O.R.C.E. MEETING WHEN YOU RETURN IN THE FALL.

Out.

Sharpton in London

"When I was in London earlier this year, after about three days I began to go stir crazy with the absence of black faces in my travels. So I jumped on the tube and jour-



neyed to Brixton where I came across West Indian revolutionary rastas and other Black Brits. This is where Howard would be, I thought.

RETHA POWERS GRADUATING SENIOR

The riot in Brixton in 1985 showed the international community that Black Brits could rival oppression along with the rest of the black diaspora. Why then did Al Sharpton feel the need to travel to London to enlighten a country that has already started a movement?

Sharpton's assumption that an entire country can benefit from the suggestions of an outsider is terribly insulting. First, he

assumed, much like his white political opportunistic counterparts, that any country can benefit from the input of America. This type of American arrogance is comparable to the cockiness of Bush that still has American troops in the Persian Gulf.

No one invited him. And once there Sharpton enjoyed very little celebrity. In a visit he made to Brixton last week, for example, only two children wanted his autograph. One London politician referred to him as an "American fanatic" who black people in London do not want "dumped on them."

Secondly, his uncanny ability to turn every racial issue into a media circus has earned him the title "leader of the press" and rendered him ineffective in dealing with racial conflicts in the United States.

In keeping with his customarily dramatic and confrontational style, while a guest on a radio program, Sharpton attacked the queen saying "I think the queen has sat on top of a colonialist racist empire."

His observations may be keen, but what makes him think that the generations of U.K. blacks have not been able to make the same assessments? Parliament member Diane Abbott has been striving to change the exclusionary nature of Britain from the inside. The funky dreads of Soul II Soul inspired an international interest in the acknowledgment of the African diaspora.

In his book *The European Tribe*, writer Caryl Phillips analyzed England's racial situation with eloquence, and the African Center has been around for ages. These individuals, as well as others, can serve as better role models to the little girl Sharpton held in Brixton while telling her to "stand up and be somebody."

All this is to say that Reverend Al needs to take his nonsense back home—though I'm sure African-Americans have appreciated the much needed vacation from his mouth.

**MESSAGE TO GRADUATING SENIORS
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

The Department of Alumni Affairs extends congratulations and best wishes upon your graduation from Howard University. This is an achievement of which you should justifiably be proud. Welcome to that select class known as Alumni!

We are pleased to offer you a one-year complimentary membership in the HOWARD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. Detailed information regarding HUAA and the clubs and associations will be sent to you shortly.

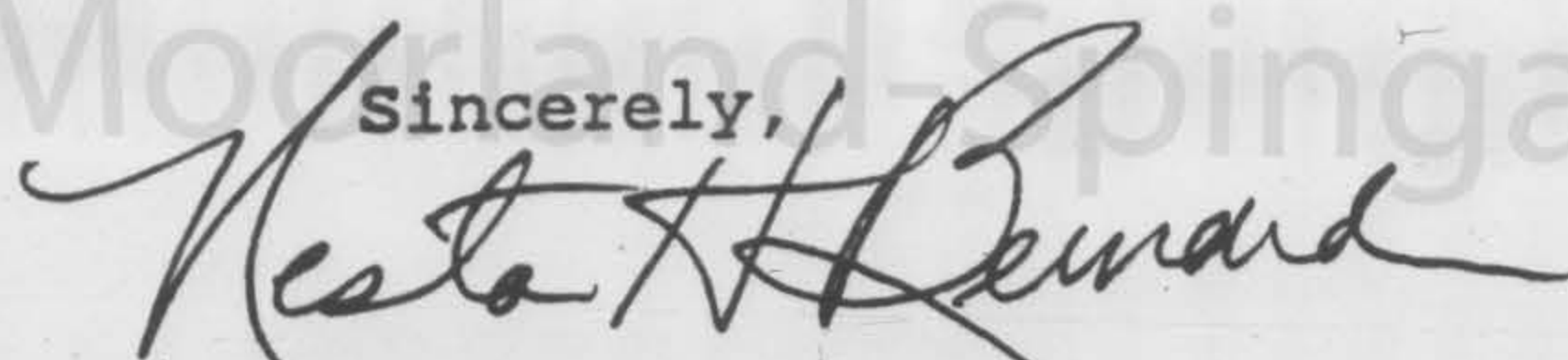
As you enter your respective worlds, it would be wise for you to remember that although you have earned the right to a comfortable way of life, you have a MISSION--the same mission that this University undertook when it embraced you as a freshman. Our mission is to educate and enhance the future of the traditionally disadvantaged and disenfranchised peoples of America, and to a great extent, the third world nations. Since you are now alumni, the legacy to ensure this continuing mission rests on our collective shoulders. We, as a University, have striven to give you the best that we have to offer. It is entirely possible that some areas have been less than perfect--but it is with your support that we can perfect the system.

Your acquired and creative skills will be assets to the national and international communities in which you will reside. You represent a select group of individuals who have overcome great odds to achieve graduation from this great institution. Be assured that you now join a long line of distinguished alumni who have impacted significantly on the business, political, scientific, legal and religious arenas.

We, at Howard, CHALLENGE you to go into the world community and demonstrate the skills that have contributed to your success. You will be pleased to discover that you are competitive with any graduate from any other prestigious institution. We CHALLENGE you to support your Alma Mater spiritually, educationally and financially. It is only with your assistance that we can continue to develop and produce individuals of your caliber and capabilities.

So that we may keep abreast of your progress, please inform us of your current address and name changes, AND let us never forget that the generosity of others helped us to help YOU. Howard University now needs YOU. Help us to help others.

Sincerely,



Nesta H. Bernard
Director



The Hilltop

75 years and still going strong

It has been called a miracle of sweat and ingenuity, and a beacon for the civil rights movement.

Today it is the largest black collegiate newspaper and an intricate part of Howard University.

The Hilltop, Howard's student-run campus newspaper, is officially 65 years old, but unofficially it dates back as far as 1917.

The Hilltop has etched the history of the university and its students in black and white. And while its look changes perennially, the focus remains the same.

The Hilltop became a legitimate Howard organization in 1923 when its forefathers outlined clear objectives for Howard's entry to the small group of black collegiate publications.

The paper would unite school spirit, influence thought, relay student opinion and encourage entrants to pursue journalism.

On paper it was simple, none the less, it took almost a year for the first issue to appear. When it did, on January 22, 1924, it set the tone and scope of the issues that followed, first bimonthly, then weekly.

Its look was different, early issues of the paper resembled *The Wall Street Journal*, but the mixture of progressive, informative and agitative articles has been a trademark throughout its history.

In its first issue, *The Hilltop* reported the abysmal conditions of registration: students cramped in tight quarters or braving the winter elements, subjecting themselves to "illness or injury" for class schedules.

The same issue reported a visit by Marcus Garvey to Howard's campus, and the ideology behind the then powerful

United Negro Improvement Association.

The Hilltop has also reflected the ideology of black leaders spanning from

Garvey, Malcolm X, and Stokely Carmichael to Louis Farrakhan.

In 1935, the big issue was alumni apathy for the conditions of the university. By 1967, it was the war in Vietnam.

What isn't as obvious in the paper's history is the dedicated group of students that unite to produce the paper.

The staff works "under the most adverse conditions just to get the paper out," said Dean of Special Student Services Vincent Johns, who has worked with the paper in various capacities for many of his

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26 years at Howard.

"We worked 24/7...to the detriment of grades and health," said Joseph Perkins, managing editor of the 1981-82 administration and now an advisor to Vice President Dan Quayle.

In the current administration, students face the same demands. It is a full-time job with part-time pay, say editors past and present, that has always been hampered by inadequate equipment and poor facilities.

Only in the mid 1970's did the paper add computer equipment to its operation. Before that, it was a multi-step manual process similar to early 20th century printing.

The university's history is dotted with student protests, but at least once *The Hilltop* was the focus of one.

In the 1982-83 academic year, then-editor Janice McKnight was relieved of her duties and eventually expelled from the university.

The controversial actions of the university stemmed from articles written by McKnight that alleged sexual discrimination in the university's administration.

For three days after McKnight's expulsion, which was said to have been based on her falsified application for admission, students rallied on the Yard and in front of the administration building admonishing what

they interpreted as Hilltop censorship.

McKnight, who took the case to court and sued the university for an undisclosed amount, was later readmitted, but publication of *The Hilltop* ceased after spring break of 1983 until the following year.

The Hilltop Board was organized to act as a liaison between the university president and the paper. The board consists of student representatives from each school, the editor and business manager of *The Hilltop*, and various administrators and faculty.

Before the board was established the university president was directly responsible for the publication, though far removed from the actual process.

The paper's annual budget must be approved by the board.

The paper's \$122,000 budget, the largest of any student organization at Howard, is primarily funded by staff-generated advertisement and subscription sales.

In the early years, money for *The Hilltop* was appropriated through the student council, which could make arbitrary cut-backs based on discontent with the paper's coverage.

During those years, said Johns, *The Hilltop* had an erratic publication schedule.



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Coming Together

AS WAR BROKE OUT OVERSEAS,

HU STUDENTS TRIED TO MAKE PEACE

WITH MEMBERS OF THE

SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

Hooded Klan Rides into D.C.



THE KLAN'S ATTEMPT TO MARCH IN THE DISTRICT OUTRAGED THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

In the early days of the Fall semester, the threat of a Labor Day weekend march by the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan outraged the Howard and Washington, D.C. communities.

The Klan had been scheduled to march down Constitution Avenue in early September, but public outcry and protest

the march went on as scheduled.

The demonstration, however, did not go unnoticed. Hundreds of counter-demonstrators gathered early in the morning along 14th and Constitution Ave. in the northwest section of the District to combat the Klan's attempt to march from the Washington Monument to the Capitol.

As the 27 Klan members began to march, more than 1200 people lined up at various police blockades in the northwest section of the city. After hours of waiting, a crowd of individuals wearing colorful robes could be seen from a distance. Once the Klan was actually in close range of the crowd, tears rolled down the faces of some demonstrators.

Anti-Klan protestors shouted profanities, threw objects and eventually broke through police barriers. In anger, they fought police officers. Members of the crowd were particularly upset with black members of the police force who were protecting the Klan.

To control the crowd of protestors, which consisted of various ethnic groups, over 2,000 District police, 800 U.S. Capitol police, and 325 Park police officers were on duty.

CANDI MERIWETHER
STAFF REPORTER

postponed the rally until Oct. 28.

As news of the imminent Klan march spread, anti-Klan protestors, including members of the All Peoples Congress and Refuse and Resist, two political organizations who fight for the justice and equality of American citizens, filed petitions to prevent the march.

Howard students were outraged to discover that this particular group of Klan members was allegedly responsible for the Greensboro, NC Massacre of 1979, where five anti-Klan demonstrators were killed.

Subsequently, students changed their Labor Day vacation plans and remained in the city. And this time, despite the protests,

Local homicide at record high

Homicide is becoming a well-known factor and reality in the District as the number of homicides, presently 157, steadfastly increases. For the past two years, the Washington area has had all-time high murder rates and this year's number is rapidly climbing.

Last year, the Washington area's 703 homicides did not discriminate. In fact, victim's included men, women, and children of all ages, and although there was a drop in drug-related killings, there were 483 homicides in the District in 1990, compared with 434 in 1989.

Of the 483 people who were killed in the District last year, nearly half of them were black men younger than 30.

Fifty-one of the first 120 homicides in the District this year occurred east of the Anacostia River. And 80 percent of the city's violent crime is committed within a mile of public housing, according to police statistics.

In fact, killings in the District are now averaging at least one a day. Subsequently, the myth that murders occur in black neighborhoods is fading with many killings moving to neighborhoods that are considered to be safe.

However, in suburban Washington, the murder rate remained stable when compared to last year's records.

Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon, who, during her mayoral campaign, pledged

to decrease the killings within six months, said she believes the homicide rate will decrease when she is able to "restore some discipline" to the D.C. police department. She also plans to restructure and reassign some members of the police department. Dixon intends to hold others accountable and award those who produce.

The Mayor has also asked that more officers walk their beats and more foot patrols occur in the area east of the Anacostia River and south of Pennsylvania Avenue.

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THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY PLAZA WAS A CONSTANT SITE OF SHOOTINGS AND ASSAULTS THIS PAST YEAR

FILE PHOTO

UDC/ Gallaudet Protests

As demands were not being met and frustrations heightened from 1989 to 1991, student protests were seemingly commonplace at Howard University, Gallaudet University (for the Hearing-Impaired) and the University of the District of Columbia (UDC).

In the Spring of 1989, students at Howard University took over their Administration building. This action, according to Howard students, was a direct result of slow financial aide processing, a lack of afro-centric curriculum, and the appointment of Lee Atwater to the Board of Trustees.

Student protestors and leaders say these were just a few of the complaints that

GWEN MCGILL
STAFF REPORTER

made students realize there was no other way for them to achieve what they desired.

Howard students were lead by April Silver and Ras Baraka who quickly organized the protest and met with former Howard president James Cheek, as well as Jesse Jackson and Minister Louis Farrakan.

In September of 1990, students at



GALLAUDET STUDENTS PROTESTED FOR THE FIRST DEAF PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

UDC requested the assistance of Howard students in their efforts to obtain their desired goals.

Incidentally, Silver and Baraka, both members of Black N.I.A. Force played key, but anonymous, roles in attempting to organize UDC students.

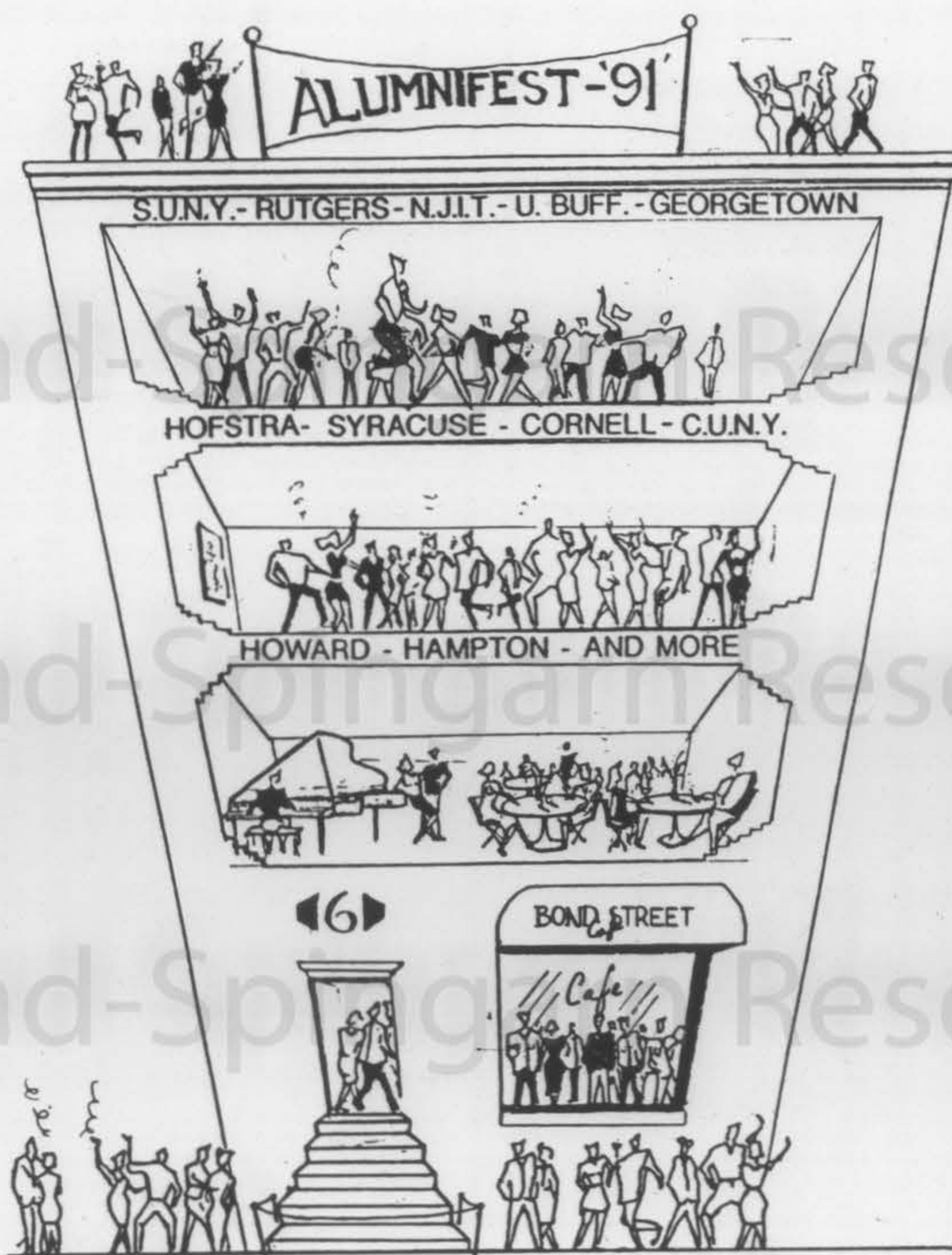
Misspending of money by UDC administrators, lack of accreditation for certain courses, and the presence of several Board of Trustee members, led UDC students to protest.

In addition, students were outraged when they discovered that "Dinner Party," a painting by artist Judy Chicago, would require a newly renovated library which would cost an estimated 1.6 million dollars.



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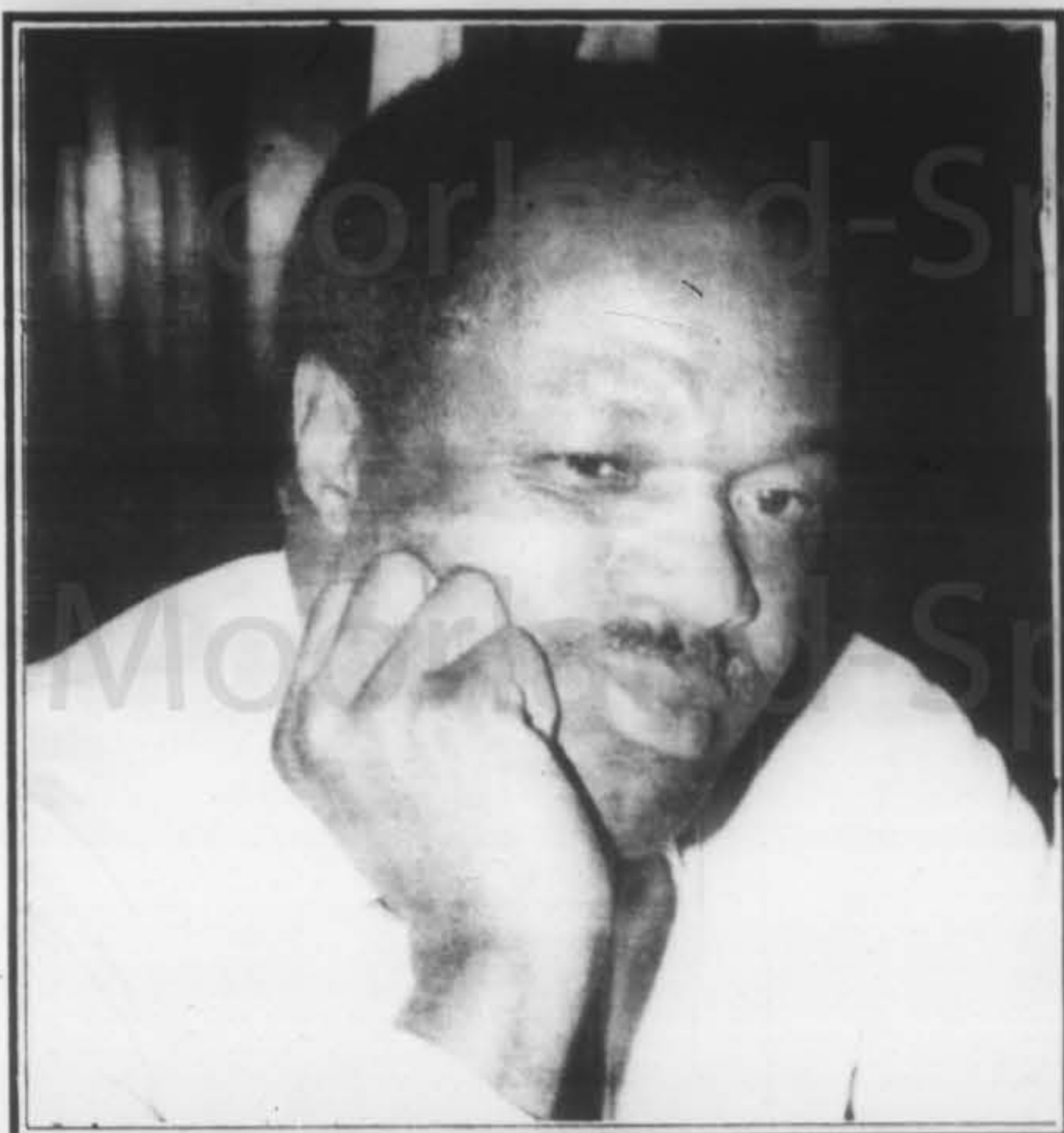
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Barry's Fall from Grace

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For Mayor Marion Barry, 1990 started with a bang. Many predicted his fall from grace and it finally happened. Although he escaped many other embarrassing incidents relatively unscathed (remember the notorious finger incident), 1990 was the year Marion Barry was finally caught (almost literally) with his pants down.

Just as he was about to announce his candidacy for yet another term in office,

Barry was busted smoking crack cocaine on January 18th at the Vista Hotel during a sting operation. To make matters worse, the entire incident was caught on videotape and soon displayed to waiting viewers across the country.

Following his arrest, Barry tearfully admitted to a "substance abuse" problem. He underwent seven weeks of treatment at a facility in Florida before returning to the waiting press in the District.

In February he was charged with five misdemeanor charges of cocaine possession and three felony counts of lying to a grand jury about alleged drug use.

The trial threatened to tear the city apart as the arrest quickly became an issue of race. Barry cried that he was another victim of the federal government targeting black elected officials, while others said he simply got what was coming to him.

Before the trial started up, several Howard University students, including Howard University President April Silver, rallied around Barry.

"From a moral standpoint, we cannot cast Mayor Barry from our family," Silver said. "Blacks have a tradition of putting family above anything else."

Barry proclaimed his innocence throughout a month long trial which often took on the atmosphere of a media circus. Using a defense of entrapment, Barry convinced a jury to find him innocent of the more major counts while the jury was hamstrung on some of the charges against him.

Although he was still appealing a misdemeanor charge of cocaine possession, which could net six months in prison, Barry ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the City Council.

Barry made few comments on his substance abuse throughout the ordeal, but he did speak to *The Hilltop* twice during the past year.

"I'm not going to sit around and cry about it. I'm not going to curse the darkness or bury my head in the sand or go off somewhere. Not me," Barry said.

Shooting of Hispanic Ignites Two Days of Violence and Terror



TWO POLICE OFFICERS ATTEMPT TO DISBURSE A CROWD OF YOUTHS WITH TEAR GAS ON 14TH AND HARVARD.

KEN RANCE

Following the shooting of a Salvadoran man last Sunday, the District encountered two nights of intense rioting that literally paralyzed one section in the city.

JESHA C. MATTHEWS
LOCAL EDITOR

The rioting began following the shooting of Daniel Enrique Gomez on Sunday. Gomez was shot by a female police officer who said he lunged at her with a knife.

Immediately following the shooting, hundreds of confused and angry Hispanics violently expressed their anger and frustration over the shooting.

Stores and cars were set on fire as police and crowd participants took to the streets and began a massive riot which literally put the neighborhood of Mount Pleasant under siege.

The D.C. police department attempted to calm the violence by immediately dispersing hundreds of officers.

Local networks attempted to quell the

incident by initially categorizing it as a disturbance and not a riot. According to network officials, this was done in hopes of not causing others to participate.

In the midst of the controversy was Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon, who after a few months in office, was faced with her greatest test to date.

Dixon, who immediately attempted to patrol the area with personal aides, was assisted when a sound similar to gun shots were heard. Reportedly, Dixon faced the worst street violence that hit the Washington area in years.

On Monday, for just a moment, it seemed like the rioting would end. But as the night grew longer, neighborhood residents realized they were in for at least one more evening of unrest.

Throughout the night, tear gas filled the northwest area of Washington. Metrobus lines were rerouted, and residents had restless nights because of consistent helicopters circling the area.

Although stores were damaged on Sunday, Monday marked an evening of intense fear as police and youths played a dangerous game of dodge all night.

On Tuesday, a dusk curfew that was ordered by Dixon was enforced with over 1,000 police officers in riot gear. And, although there were a few disturbances, they did not compare to the previous nights.

Many streets were quiet and deserted as businesses boarded up their windows and prayed for a quiet evening. Residents in the Mount Pleasant area were ordered to stay home and reach their homes by 7 p.m. or face being arrested and fined.

At exactly 7 p.m. police began arresting youths and at one point they fired tear gas into a crowd of youths who were congregating on a corner. As they fled, vehicles were set on fire. However, tear gas disturbances were less frequent and businesses and residents were happy to see police once again in control.

On Wednesday, Dixon said the curfew was the best solution to restoring peace.

According to police officials, officers Angela Jewell and Girsell Del Valle, who were on foot patrol, arrested two individuals for disorderly conduct. They called for back up units and as they arrived a third individual became disorderly. While attempting to arrest the third person, one officer was assaulted by a fourth individual. The third man, Gomez, was not fully handcuffed and it was he pulled the knife.

Jewell, who is new on the police force, pulled out her gun while backing away from the third individual. She ordered him to drop the knife. He did not and she fired, striking Gomez in the chest. Gomez was taken to the Washington Hospital Center and was listed in critical condition.

The two day episode left stores and cars along Columbia Road and 16th streets with broken windows and a loss of thousands of dollars. Police estimate departmental damages of over \$600,000 which includes 13 damaged police cars and 6 destroyed vehicles.

Resulting from the two nights is a task force aimed at improving relations between the city government and Hispanics.



TWO HISPANICS SETTING FIRE TO A WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER DISPENSER.

KEN RANCE



DIXON WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HER BID FOR MAYOR FOR THE DISTRICT

FILE PHOTO

HU Alumni Dixon Takes Helm of Troubled D.C.

The District of Columbia made history in November of 1990 when it elected Howard University alumna Sharon Pratt Dixon into the mayoral seat.

Dixon was victorious in a head-to-head battle against former police chief-turned-Republican Maurice T. Turner, a campaign in which she fervently promised to "clean house" if elected.

CANDI MERIWETHER
STAFF REPORTER

The Dixon campaign for mayor picked up after the six month long FBI investigation and trial of former mayor Marion Barry ended.

Throughout the ordeal, Dixon was noted as the candidate most critical of the

Barry administration. As she entered the final weeks of the Democratic primary campaign, in which she was opposed by five other candidates, Dixon received the endorsement of *The Washington Post* and began to command the attention of many District voters, although she was not the frontrunner.

In September, Dixon won the primary election and was considered a shoe-in for mayor since, historically, the democratic candidate that wins the primary election goes on to succeed in the general election.

After two months of tough campaigning, the 46-year-old female defeated Turner by a landslide.

Dixon, a native Washingtonian, is a product of the DC public school system. After graduating from high school, she en-

rolled at Howard, where she studied Political Science.

During her undergraduate years, she participated in many campus organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., of which she is a member. Upon her graduation in 1965, Dixon went on to Howard's Law School, where she earned a Juris Doctor in 1968.

After law school, Dixon began serving the Washington community. She worked at the Potomac Electric Power Co. for 13 years. During her tenure there, Dixon rose from the position of general counsel to vice-president. In 1989 she decided to run for mayor of the District.

Dixon, who has a long history of fighting for the rights of children, is not new to the political arena. For 13 years, she was the DC Democratic National Committee-woman and also served as the treasurer from 1985 to 1989.

Dixon, divorced and the mother of two daughters, was touted as one of the

underdogs in the mayoral primary. Her victory in the Sept. 11 election surprised many Washingtonians, but her tenacity throughout the campaign garnered her the widespread support of District residents.

Dixon proved herself to be a force to be reckoned with when the election results reported her as the victor in the Nov. 8 general election. Immediately, the mayor-elect stepped to the podium at her victory rally, grabbed a broom and, amid the cheers of her supporters, shouted, "Let's clean house! Let's clean house!"

Since taking the helm of the city, Dixon has proposed new initiatives to redirect the District's failing school system. In addition, she plans to reconstruct abandoned neighborhoods and reduce the overwhelming crime rates.

With all of these crises staring at her, she is more determined to address the city's problems today than she was when she began her campaign.



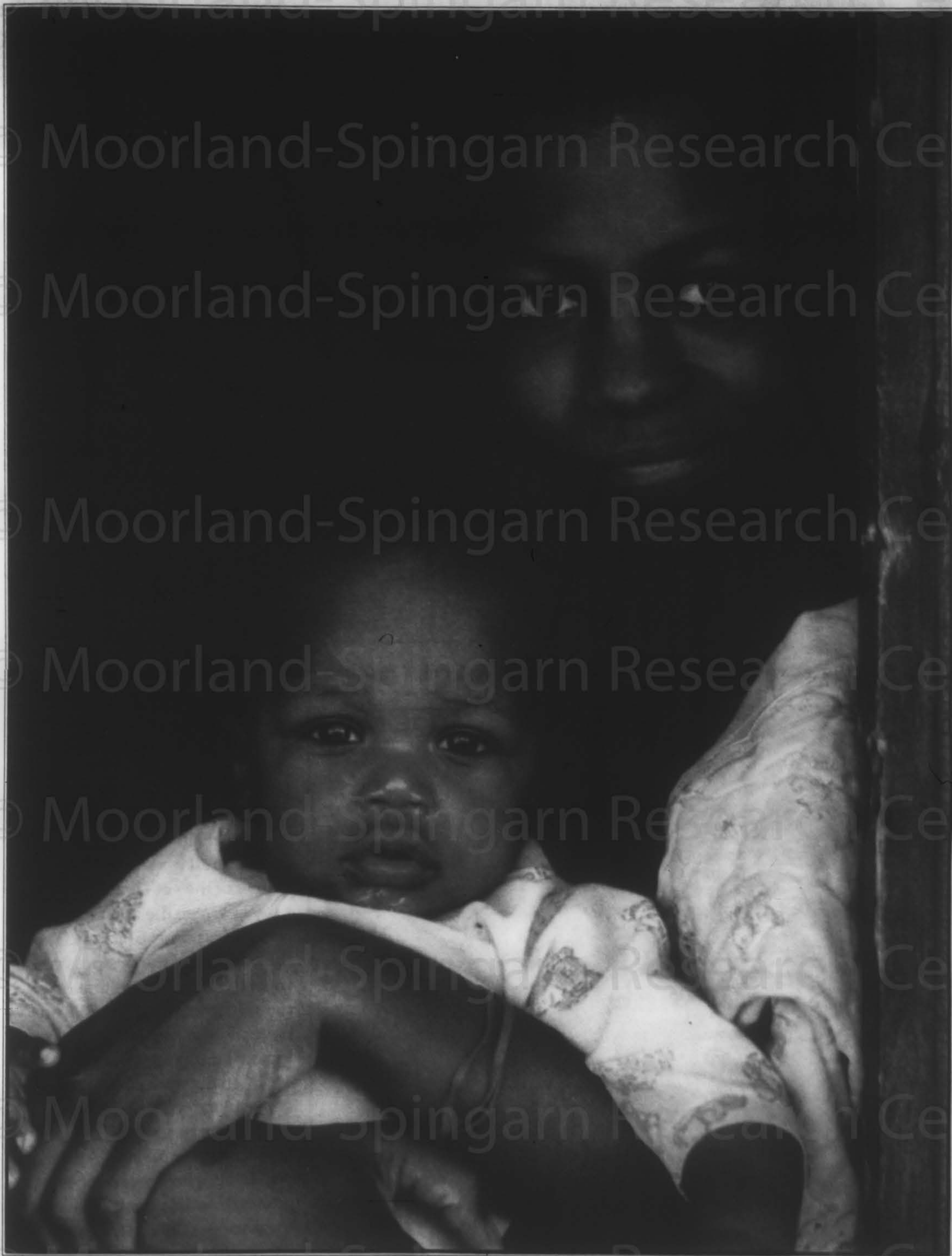
**Dixon was the
first black woman
to become mayor
of a major city.**

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**This year,
the preservation of the
African-American
family became a
dominant issue.**



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The national civil rights movement has been preoccupied throughout the past year in a largely unsuccessful effort to enact new civil rights legislation to reverse a series of

dent Bush became only the second president in U.S. history to veto a major piece of civil rights legislation.

Although the bill explicitly states that

in no way should it be construed to support the adoption of quotas, the President claimed that by requiring businesses to prove that there is some legitimate reason why their

Civil Rights at the Crossroads

1989 Supreme Court rulings which have made it more difficult for minorities and women to gain redress for employment

MALCOLM CARSON
NATIONAL EDITOR

discrimination.

Under the premise that the Civil Rights Act of 1990 was a "quota" bill, Presi-

work force does not mirror the local population of available workers, businesses will be forced to adopt quotas to avoid costly lawsuits.

Instead, the burden of proof now falls upon the plaintiffs to prove that a certain employer intentionally discriminated against applicants, something which is nearly impossible to do.

Another issue which has sparked debate has been a provision which provides for victims of gender discrimination to collect the same damages currently afforded to victims of racial discrimination. Businesses have objected to this practice as being excessively costly.

But although it has appeared until recently that the source of the veto was a discrepancy between the interests of the civil rights community and the interests of the business community, it now seems that President Bush and the Republicans have ulterior motives for opposing civil rights legislation.

In the meantime, the rights of people of color and women continue to be violated on a regular basis by employers. And the possibilities for these people to gain redress in a court of law for the wrongs suffered by them continue to be slim.



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After winning 7 million votes in the Democratic primaries in 1988, more than it took to nominate Walter Mondale in 1984 and Jimmy Carter in 1980, D.C. Sen. Jesse Jackson remains the front runner in the race

son.

On the Republican side, there is a possibility that on the heels of the Persian Gulf War, Bush will pick Joint Chief of Staff Colin Powell as his running mate. Powell, the nation's highest ranking black military official, would replace current Vice-President Dan Quayle, who is regarded by most Americans as unqualified to hold the office of President.

Wilder for President?

for the Democratic nomination. Although he has not declared his intention to run, he has

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maintained a high national profile and remains more popular than ever.

A likely challenger to Jackson for the Democratic nomination will be Virginia Governor Douglass Wilder. Wilder made history by becoming the first black governor in the U.S. since Reconstruction and by doing so in one of the nation's most conservative states. Conservative and moderate Democrats are attracted by his message of fiscal conservatism and social responsibility.

Jesse Jackson and Doug Wilder are at the center of a battle being waged inside the Democratic Party. Moderate and conservative Democrats have forced the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) which is seeking to pull the Party further to the right.

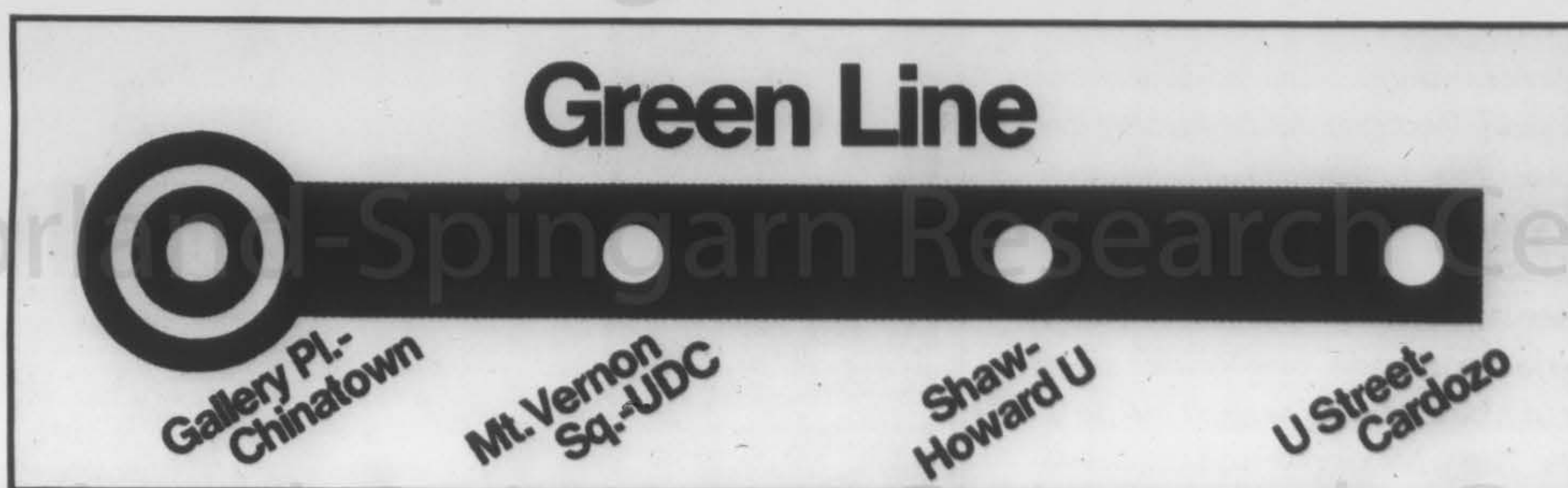
The DLC's push for power reached new heights this week with their first full-scale convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. Though Douglass Wilder had the opportunity to address the crowd, Jesse Jackson was not invited and has opted to take to the streets of Cleveland in a counter-convention. To his credit, Wilder urged the groups to take a strong stand in favor of civil rights and condemned the decision not to invite Jack-



Polls have shown that most Americans would rather have Powell for Vice-President than Quayle. The conservative Powell also represents an ideal opportunity

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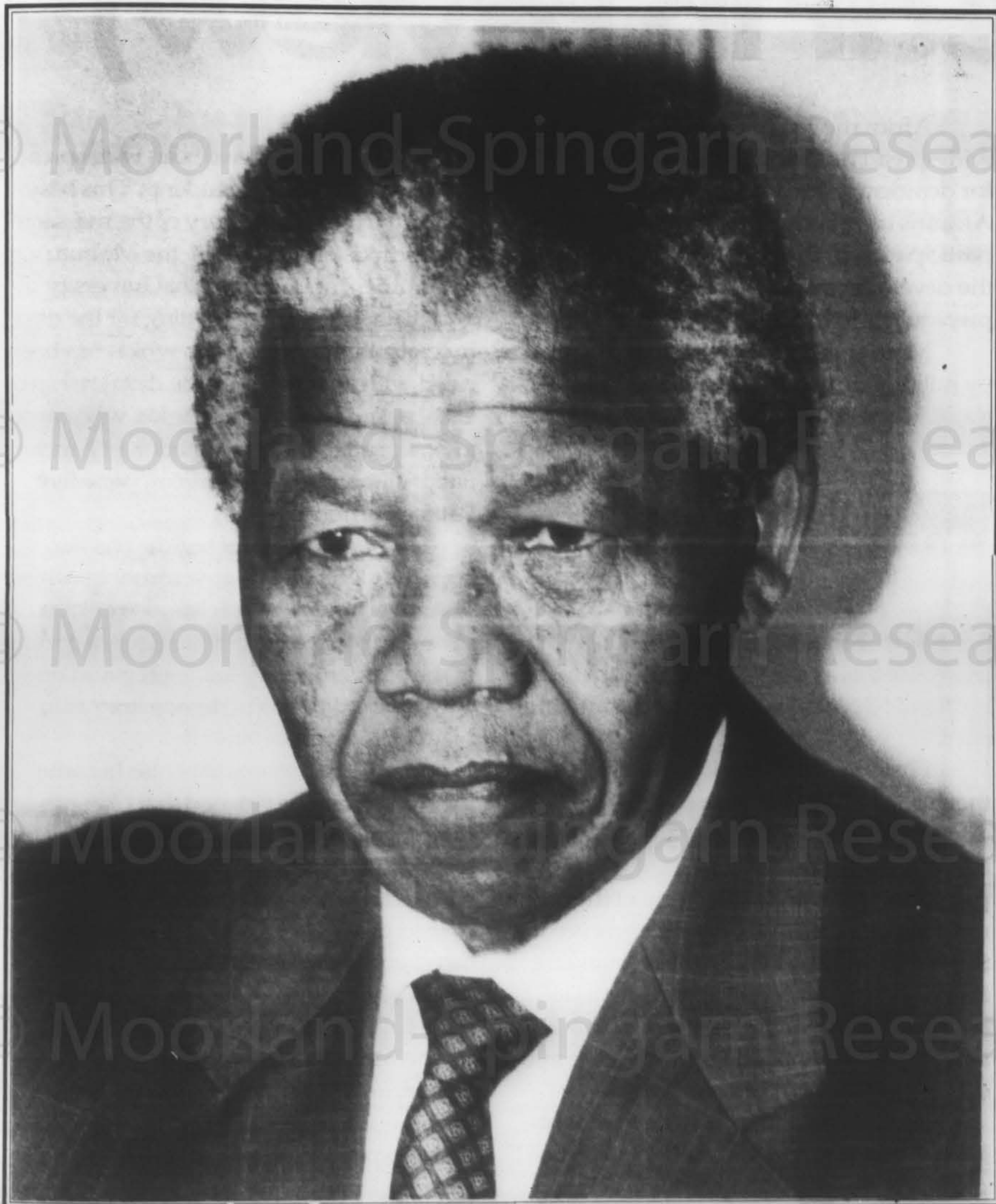


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Free at last,
but the struggle continues

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Africa (year in review)

Africa moved into the 1990's with a widespread movement across the continent for democracy and human rights. Many Africans have come to view the full and free participation of the people in all phases of the development process as an essential prerequisite to Africa's economic rebirth.

Most of the nations in Africa are ruled by military dictatorships and one-party states. Respect for democracy and human

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INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

rights has been low across the continent, and many see this as a major impediment to the economic development of the African continent.

Historically, these dictatorships have their roots in the European colonial regimes which ruled the continent until the 1960's. Faced with the demands of the African people for independence, many of the colonial regimes, the United States, and even the Soviet Union were successful in arranging for puppet, neo-colonial governments to take power, and thus give the semblance of independence while still protecting the interests of the Northern powers.

A new generation of African activists, led in many countries by students, has begun to demand that they be allowed to freely and fully participate in the governing of their countries. They are beginning to see that true independence means not only replacing white rulers with black ones, but also changing the relationship between the people and the government such that the people rule the government and not the

other way around.

In Zaire, there have been widespread upheavals among the students. This May marks the first anniversary of the massacre of hundreds of students by the Mobutu government at Lubumbashi University.

The students are fighting for the democratization of the nation which has been ruled with an iron fist by the dictatorship of U.S.-backed Mobutu Sese Seku, who came to power after the assassination of African nationalist and former Zairean president Patrice Lumumba.

In Kenya, the Moi regime has also been the target of anti-government protest. The government, which has also enjoyed strong Western support, has detained much of the pro-democracy leadership and brutally attacked peaceful demonstrators in Nairobi, Kenya's capital city.

The U.S. Ambassador also became involved when he warned that Congress may cut aid to the Kenyan government in response to the abuses and was strongly rebuked by Moi and the government-owned press. Congress did temporarily cut direct government aid last fall.

Other countries have begun a more peaceful transition to democracy. Several West African nations such as Cote D'Ivoire, Gabon, and Nigeria are currently in the process of democratization. Southern Africa is also experiencing the growth of democracy in Mozambique, Angola, and Namibia, while Botswana has long enjoyed a relatively stable democratic political system.

Overall, after a decade of decline and frustration, much of Africa looks forward to the new possibilities for greater freedom, democracy, development in the 1990's.

Fighting in South Africa continues as Mandella struggles on

SPECIAL TO THE HILLTOP

The past year has been one of many ups and downs for the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. The excitement and anticipation which greeted Nelson Mandela's release from prison after nearly 28 years last February soon turned to disappointment as even he was unable to bring an end to the violence which has plagued the black townships of the country for the past several years and which has grown in intensity.

Thousands of black South Africans have been killed and millions more terrorized by black factional fighting which has occurred between forces loyal to Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) and Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party. Although the fighting was originally concentrated in the Natal province, where Zulus loyal to Buthelezi have been fighting Zulus loyal to the ANC, the violence has now spread to the heavily populated areas in and around Johannesburg.

Most independent observers have blamed the violence on Buthelezi, who has long worked in close cooperation with the apartheid regime. Furthermore, the ANC has actually presented evidence that some of the violence is, in fact, being instigated by whites in black face seeking to discredit the anti-apartheid cause. They have said that the government is attempting to divide and weaken the black movement while claiming to dismantle apartheid.

Mandela has met with Buthelezi to try to end the violence. He has also called on his own followers to "throw your pangas [machetes] into the sea." But these actions have come to no avail as the violence continues to mount.

Chris Hani, head of the ANC's military wing, recently said in a speech here at Howard, that it was his view that South African-backed mercenaries being rapidly put out of work by the recent agreements for



KIETH LEADBETTER

multi-party democracy in Mozambique, are merely being transferred to carry out similar tasks of terrorism and sabotage in South Africa as they had been doing for years in Mozambique.

There has also been some good news on the apartheid front however. All of the major apartheid laws such as the Group Areas Act, the Population Registration Act, and the acts segregating public facilities have either been scrapped or are in the process of being taken off the books. The repeal of the laws officially has not, however, been actualized.

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Homecoming Sparks & Fizzles

Homecoming 1990! From the Call to Chapel to the Pop Concert finale, It was hyped as THE Homecoming of the past several years. "Memories of the Past/Visions of the Future." It was going to be LIVE.

And why not? Janel Jones, the chairwoman of the Homecoming Steering Committee, accomplished what her predecessors had, for most part, been unable to do—she

JACK B. NIMBLE STAFF REPORTER

got name acts. Look who was headlining the Gospel concert, none other than The Winans—THE gospel group. And after year of rather lame performers for the Pop Concert (no offense Stephanie and Nona) the Homecoming Steering Committee was finally able to bring an act to campus that could generate some type of excitement. None other than the reigning Rap group, Public Enemy. All was great! All was Beautiful!

Yeah, Right!

What would Howard University be without a few mix ups to make things interesting.

For one thing, the traditional mile-long lines for Homecoming tickets ceased to exist. With midterm pressures mounting, students were a little less than pressed about spending money on Homecoming tickets. So many of the tickets were still available the same day of the show.

The confusion surrounding the Ms.

Howard Pageant did not help any. Because of mix ups during the verification process, at least one of the contestants in the pageant, Brooke Barrick, was disqualified at the last minute.

"I was shocked," Barrick said. "Afterwards, I felt angry and cheated."

Barrick, who would have represented the College of Liberal Arts, was disqualified because she had not earned the 30 credit hours at Howard required to participate in the pageant.

Despite the shaky start, there were few complaints as Nicole Sutherland, representing the College of Fine Arts, was crowned Ms. Howard.

Sutherland ran away with the show as she thoroughly impressed judges during the interview and talent portions of the pageant.

**Some Howard
students were
excited, others
left wanting
more from the
annual
Homecoming
festivities.**



HOMEcoming FESTIVITIES WERE CAPPED OFF BY THE PRESENTATION OF THE NEW MS HOWARD AT THE HOMEcoming FOOTBALL GAME.

"I still can't believe it," she said. "This is the beginning of one of the most exciting adventures of my life!"

It got even better from there. The Gospel Show was a smash. The Winans put on a show that went long into the night and had the University Chapel jumping.

But the Pop Concert did cause a few headaches before it was all over.

It seemed Howard security was a little wary of Public Enemy's radical image and feared it might bring the wrong element to the campus.

Because of the confusion, the group wasn't signed until the very last minute. But after much debating, they "brought the noise" to HU.

The rest of the agenda went more or

less according to schedule. The Fashion Show, "Telesis," showed skin was in. The Greek Step Show made a long-awaited return to campus, but couldn't seem to generate the same excitement that it had in years past.

To tie things off, WE LOST the %\$#@% Homecoming game to North Carolina A&T 33-12. Our first Homecoming loss in five years.

Well, some was good, some was bad, but all in all, it was fun.

Howard celebrates origins of Hip Hop

The '80's saw the explosion of hip hop onto the musical scene- Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, Africa Bambaataa, and

CHERYL BROWN
STAFF REPORTER

the Sugarhill Gang brought hip hop to the door of the music industry, Run-DMC broke it down, and Public Enemy stepped through.

Ever since this music and culture called hip hop showed its face to the rest of America, it has gone through the many changes that often confront new music—it has been borrowed, stolen, commercialized, and attacked. Hard!

In February, Howard held the First Annual Hip Hop Conference to discuss these issues.

With all the changes that hip hop has gone through, its true meaning and history has become cloudy to some, even distorted, and some people never knew what hip hop was all about.

Hip hop was born out of Black America, and with all of its successes and failures, an essential question still remains—"Is hip hop doing the right thing for Black America?"

"Are Black people doing the right thing for Black America," answers Darryl Musgrove rhetorically.

The Manager of Special Markets at Atlantic Records in New York explains, "Hip hop is the expression of the young, and while many young artists are trying to do the right thing, they're not being guided by those who've gone before them."

The idea of censorship is a hot topic—especially the censorship of hip hop—and Talaat feels that part of doing the right thing on the part of rappers includes curbing sex and violence in their music, especially with the problems of teenage pregnancy and Black on Black crime.

"Rappers talk about their surroundings, and that's what they see," disagrees Special K of 2 Awesome Management in New Jersey.

Special K adds, "For the most part, hip hop make us culturally aware and gives us an identify, but it's also free advice—you can take it or leave it."

The question of what hip hop can do for Black America was summed up by Derek Dudley, founder and CEO of Militant Management, based in Chicago.

Like the others, he feels that R&B music has not done the right thing for Black America and that the responsibility now lies on hip hop.



DOUG E. FRESH ATTENDED HOWARD'S HIP HOP CONFERENCE.

This academic year in music has been tremendous. Music listeners have been introduced to an array of talented new artists that have brought excitement and energy to the industry and have helped to create a lot of

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STAFF REPORTER

special memories for students.

Sensational artists like En Vogue, Tony Toni Tone', Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey, and Bell Biv DeVoe have carved a spot in music history. Rappers on the scene that made music history with either their new styles of rap or their funky dance steps were Chubb Rock, M.C. Hammer, and Monie Love.

En Vogue is comprised of four beautiful and talented young women who were definitely "Born To Sing." They enchanted us all with their acapella single "Hold On" and the music industry has been holding on ever since.

The 3T's were no joke this year with their album *Revival* containing hits such as "It Feels Good" and "It Never Rains In Southern California." They also set themselves apart from the rest with their trendy-styled clothes.

Janet Jackson, the semi-goddess of the music industry, reached the multi-platinum status with her album entitled *Rhythm Nation*. At the American Music Awards, she won three awards for favorite dance artist and also favorite female artist in both pop/rock, and soul/r&b. That made Jackson the only artist to win in three different fields.

Bell Biv DeVoe, the spin-off group from New Edition, led the pack of singer/rappers with their debut album, *Poison*. This album won them two American Music Awards for New Artist in both soul/r&b and dance categories.

M.C. Hammer, an Oakland raised celebrity who became larger than life in music, swept the soul/r&b and rap categories, winning five awards at the American Music Awards for his album *Please Hamer Don't*

The Year in Black Music

Hurt 'Em. Mattel USA Toys has decided to make a doll in the image of this talented entertainer who is admired by children all over the country.

One of the most popular female rappers to emerge this year was Monie Love. Monie's hit single, "In The Middle" leaves no one rap fan questioning 'where she at?'



TONY, TONI, TONE, ONE OF THE HOTTEST GROUPS IN 1991

1990-1991 has been an exciting year at the box office. Moviegoers have been challenged with everything from the supernatural of *Ghost* to the gore of *The Silence of the Lambs*, and the blood-shed of *New Jack City*.

Kevin Costner is another actor who will be remembered for his directing in *Dances With Wolves*. To say the least this movie was wonderful. The scenery was

released over 23 weeks ago, according to *Variety* magazine, it has made \$156,764,338 dollars. But, the movie which has made the most this year and grossed the third largest amount in the history of motion pictures, is *Home Alone*.

This has been an exciting year for many black directors like Spike Lee, Robert Townsend, and Mario Van Peebles. Spike

Year in Film

Lights, Camera, Action

magical, and many would agree that it was the first time America received a realistic portrayal of the American Indian. Not too many people were surprised when *Dances With Wolves* won the Oscar for best picture, and Costner for best director.

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Dances With Wolves was another movie that struck gold at the box office. Since it was

Lee's, *Mo' Better Blues*, examined the lifestyle of the jazz-culture, and provided a framework from which moviegoers could explore the complexities and intricacies of male/female relationships. This has become Lee's forte.

Robert Townsend's *The Five Heartbeats* is a blast from the past and also a lesson for the future. After having been in the box office for three weeks, it has grossed \$5,187,676. According to *Variety* magazine, of all the movies that were directed by blacks—*New Jack City* has made the most.

Mario Van Peebles did an excellent job of directing *New Jack City*. The film was extremely violent and full of blood-shed, but it will be remembered for its realistic portrayal of the drug world. This realism was essential to the premise of the movie. The cinematography was terrific, and Chris Rock should receive an acclamation for his portrayal of a drug addict.

However, this year moviegoers were introduced to a different type of maniac. One whose mere mention could send chills up one's spine, and fear and terror into everyone's dreams. Mover over Tony Perkins, who played in *Psycho*, and Jack Nicholson from *The Shining*, and make way for Anthony Hopkins as Dr. Hannibal in *The Silence of the Lambs*.



ICE T AND JUDD NELSON STAR IN NEW JACK CITY

The World's A Stage

Drama Students Produced Exciting Plays



CAST OF CEREMONIES IN DARK OLD MEN.

There comes a time when one grows weary of watching the rise and fall of a rela-

LISA MILLER
TEMPO EDITOR

tionship or a scandal or a career only on the silver screen, but most college students cannot afford the high prices of a ticket to a theatrical production. Fortunately, the drama department in the College of Fine Arts offered theatre lovers a chance to see a show for an affordable student price, usually costing approximately five dollars.

During the fall semester, the department was busy preparing for the production of *Ceremonies In Dark Old Men*, which centered around a black family eventually torn apart by selfishness, lack of communication and illegal activities in an effort to make "fast money." By the time the moral of the play is

recognized, it is already too late for one family member, who is murdered in the end.

The spring semester brought with it two plays. In February it was *Black Images*, *Black Reflections*, which was a historical chronicle of achievements by black Americans from all walks of life presented through song, dance, and dialogue. Breaks in the play were made to give more details about some individuals. It also included a tribute to some who are no longer living.

During March, *Dreamgirls* was performed. It told the story of three black women in a singing group and their slow, but gradual rise to fame and stardom after their initial discovery at the Apollo theatre in New York. During the course of their careers, they had to deal with the exit of one member, the addition of another, and conflicts of interest in terms of who would steal the spotlight and their trials with a less than ethical manager.

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TEMPO EDITOR

Howard ladies reluctantly packed their favorite summer shirt from Limited Express this past summer as the chill of fall and winter crept on Howard's campus. They were almost in tears as they packed those orange, green, and other colored over-

sized t-shirts with the huge shoulder pads and drawstring in the waist and those body dresses away in their trunks.

But the winter only brought on more drawstrings! It seemed as if anyone who bothered to buy a new three-quarter wool coat, bought one with a hood and drawstring. Women especially had a variety of colors to choose from, because almost every

Fashion Runs Wild On Howard

Sixties styles were popular with students this year



RENISA ANDERSON

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department store had the coats in stock as well as the ever-reliable Limited.

Most of the men put their blazers away this season and got back to basics. The rule this winter was Timberlands, Champion sweats, jeans and corderoys. Howard men dressed more relaxed and comfortable this year than they've dressed in years.

The men were comfy, but you can always depend on Howard women to pick up the slack. If they were not wearing the hooded coat with drawstring, they were wearing the polished three-quarter wool coat with the butterfly collar, some hooded, and wrapped with a belt—no buttons or zippers allowed. Leggings came back with a splash, and women were wearing them with long sweaters and riding boots. Unfortunately, there was no one fashion item that everyone just had to have this academic year. Women pretty much carried their own style and often settled for last year's styles.

While students were teetering and tottering on the boarderline of spring/win-



RENISA ANDERSON

ter, some genius fashion mogul decided to bring back the funky and sometimes scandalous look of the late '60s. Primarily, female students are catching the wave of the updated look with wild and zany printed cloth headbands, colorful leggin's, trapeeze dresses, flower power t-shirts and jewelry, clunky shoes, sequined sandals, and some very funky hats.

Some ladies just can't get with it and stick to their slacks, silk blouses, and pumps but the real fashion die-hards are digging into their pockets and buying frosted lipstick and daisy-shaped earrings. the fashions

Admire all the homework, exercising, exams, and chillin' on the yard—students serious about having a good time found a few hours to take time out and party for an evening during the weekend.

Once questioning the longevity of the Ritz Nightclub because of the strict dress code enforced for its patrons—students finally convinced the owners to set aside a

until that fateful day when they couldn't take it anymore and closed the club down. The saga continues—Anastasia night got moved to Chicago's, near Dupont Circle, and the beat goes on. Suggestion: Be prepared to party with a quite diverse crowd on Wednesday or Friday nights at Chicago's. It is not Anastasia's revisited.

Howard must have been in the mood

Where's the Party?

This Year's Hot Spots

Provide Escape from Academics

night for a casual jam. Although it was a good idea, most Ritz partygoers feel the need to look the part and dress to impress anyway. So what was the point? During homecoming, the Ritz hosted a very successful and very crowded bash. Suggestion: Try the Ritz out on Sunday nights and Friday night happy hour.

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Howard would not be what it is without certain individuals who make a living throwing parties for essentially the college crowd, and so the new hot spot of the year was Wednesday nights at Anastasia's. This club is familiar to anyone who treks down to Georgetown for a late shopping spree or to catch a movie. It has all those colorful disco lights in the windows and it is above the clothing store Bannana Republic.

These jams were invitation only and a dress to impress affair. Music was old-school style and the crowd was always live, but as the weeks went by, those invitations increased in number and lost the pretty green envelopes that accompanied them. The crowd got larger and the police got deeper,

to invade Georgetown this year, because there was also a new spot from time to time called Tommy Wong's and several other names each new party host gave it. Suggestion: Enjoy yourself here when you can, because it is not a hot spot every week.

Someone decided they were "steppin' in hotter this year" because instead of playing reggae or rockers at the usual house parties, they rented a place called The Basement and decided to charge some real money to dance to those rockers favorites.

Although the club is suitably titled—The Basement—people do not seem to mind because the place usually stays packed (depending on who is throwing the party). Suggestion: If you don't mind the heat and the color grey everywhere, check the place out only when there is some talk about it and a half-decent flier being passed around.

Old faithfuls like Takoma Station on Thursday live jazz nights and The Chapter III are still hanging in there, but let's say a final goodbye class of '91 to hang-outs gone but not forgotten: The Clubhouse, The Eastside, La Pena, Sutton's garage, Slowe's lobby, and the friends' house parties who didn't make the long haul to graduation or for that matter sophomore year!

LEADERSHIP FOR THE MASSES

THE AWAKE LECTURE SERIES
GUEST: ERAKA ROUZORANDU

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LIFE IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS

guest: Kenneth Gamble

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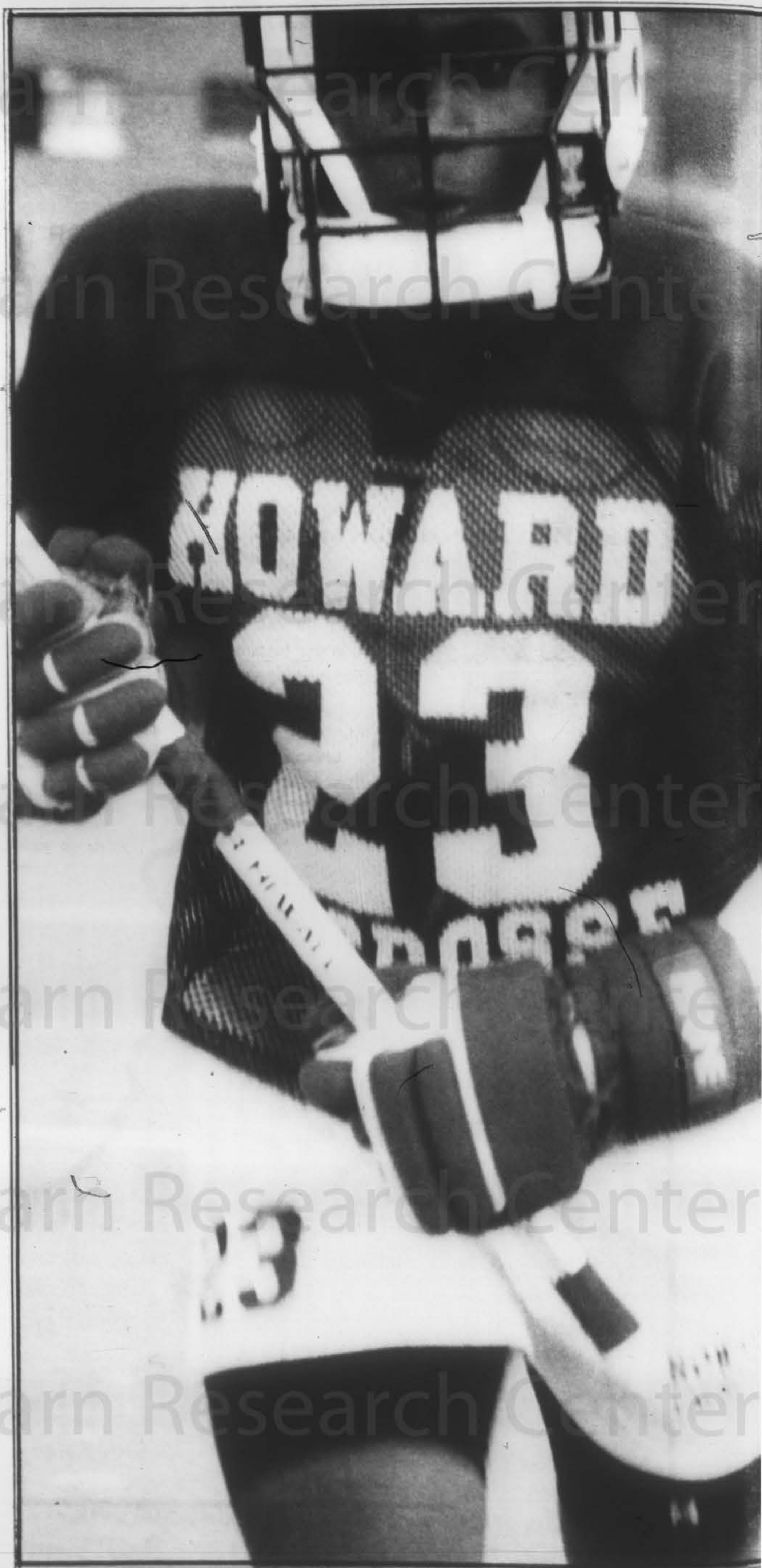
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What Goes Up Must Come Down

Coach Steve Wilson has a 14-8 record in his first two years

1990 Record: 6-5 overall, 3-3 in the MEAC

Highlights: The team began the season with five straight victories, including a pair of thrilling wins over Southern, and S.C. State, in overtime on the road. Due to a host of injuries and lack of depth, the Bison

CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

dropped five of the final six games to finish 6-5. The defense was ranked among the nation's best in pass efficiency defense (No. 3, 84.10 rating) and total defense (No. 5, 272.8 ypg). Led by freshman punt returner Gary Harrell (No. 1 in nation, 16.0 ypr), the Bison finished third in the nation in punt returns (13.6 ypr).

"Anytime you start the season the way we did and end the way we did it can be considered a disappointment... but we came upon injuries and...we had no depth," said Wilson. "We are headed in the right direction," added Wilson.

MEAC First Team (4) - Jr. T Nigel Greene, Sr. LB Kenneth Newsome, Jr. CB Walter Price and Brian Taltoan; MEAC Second Team (4) - Sr. PK Gary Mossop, Sr. RB James Carpenter, Harrell, and Sr. DE Gary Willingham.

In 1991 the Bison have 11 games scheduled, including first-time encounters with Big East member Temple and NAIA national-champion Central State (Ohio).

Howard, which finished 6-5 in 1990,

Football Team Starts 5-0, Then Loses 5 of last 6

opens the season September 7 against Fayetteville State at home. Other home opponents include Florida A&M (Sept. 14), South Carolina State (Sept. 21), Central State (Nov. 2, HOMECOMING) and Towson State (Nov. 9).

In addition to Temple (Sept. 28), the Bison are scheduled to travel to Bethune-Cookman (Oct. 12), North Carolina A&T (Oct. 26), Morgan State (Nov. 16) and Delaware State (Nov. 16).

Howard will also take on Alcorn State in the prestigious Circle City Classic in Indianapolis on October 5.

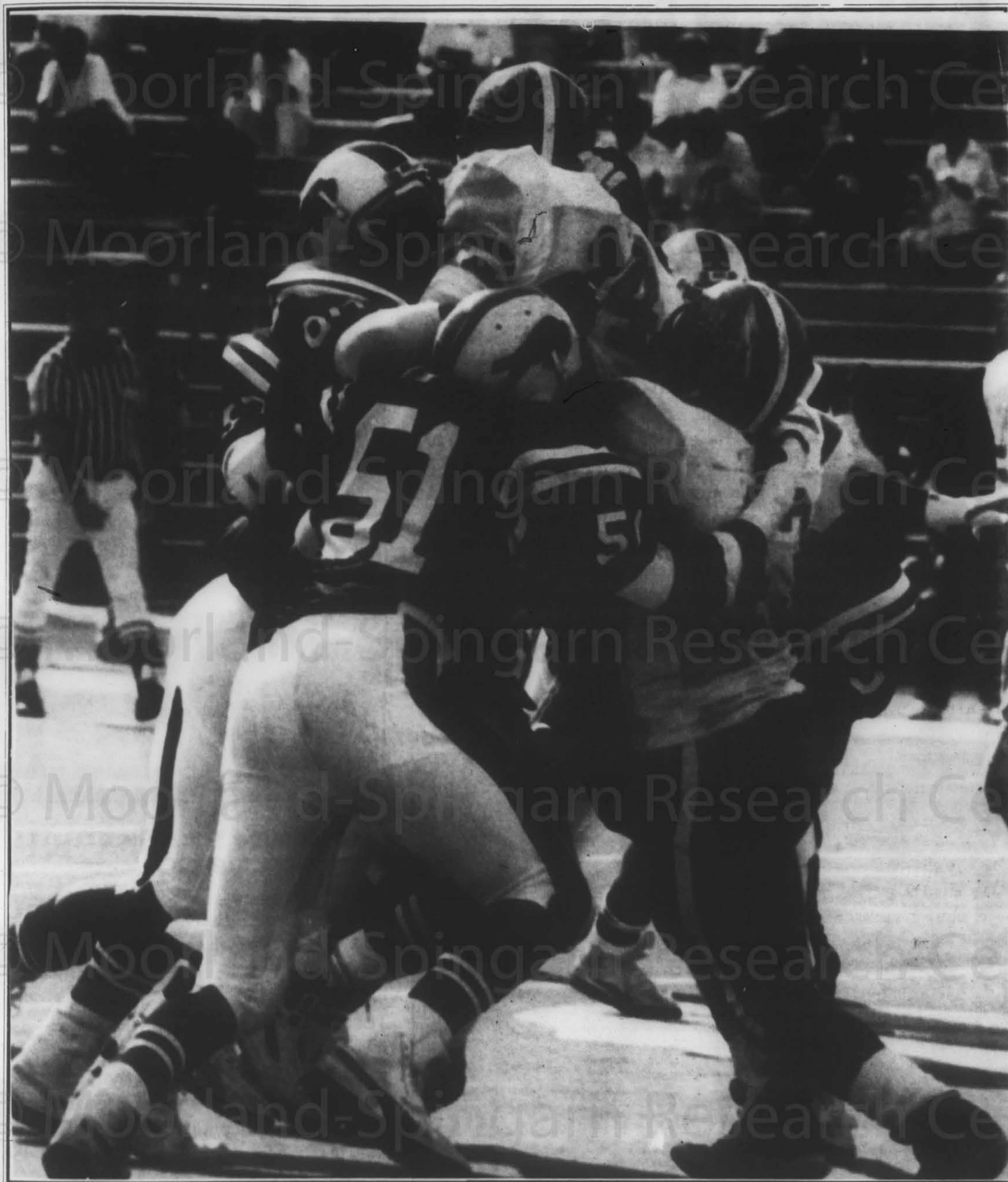
1991 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September			
7	Fayetteville St.	Washington, DC	1:00 p.m.
14	*Florida A&M	Washington, DC.	1:00 p.m.
21	*S.C. State	Washington, DC.	1:00 p.m.
28	Temple	Philadelphia, PA	1:30 p.m.
October			
5	#Alcorn State	Indianapolis, IN	4:00 p.m.
12	Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, FL	7:00 p.m.
19	Open		
26	*N.C. A&T	Greensboro, N.C.	1:30 p.m.
November			
2	%Central State (OH)	Washington, DC	1:00 p.m.
9	Towson State	Washington, DC	1:00 p.m.
16	*Morgan State	Baltimore, MD	1:30 p.m.
23	*Delaware State	Dover, DE.	1:30 p.m.

*Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Game

#Circle City Classic

%Homecoming Game



Bison Power

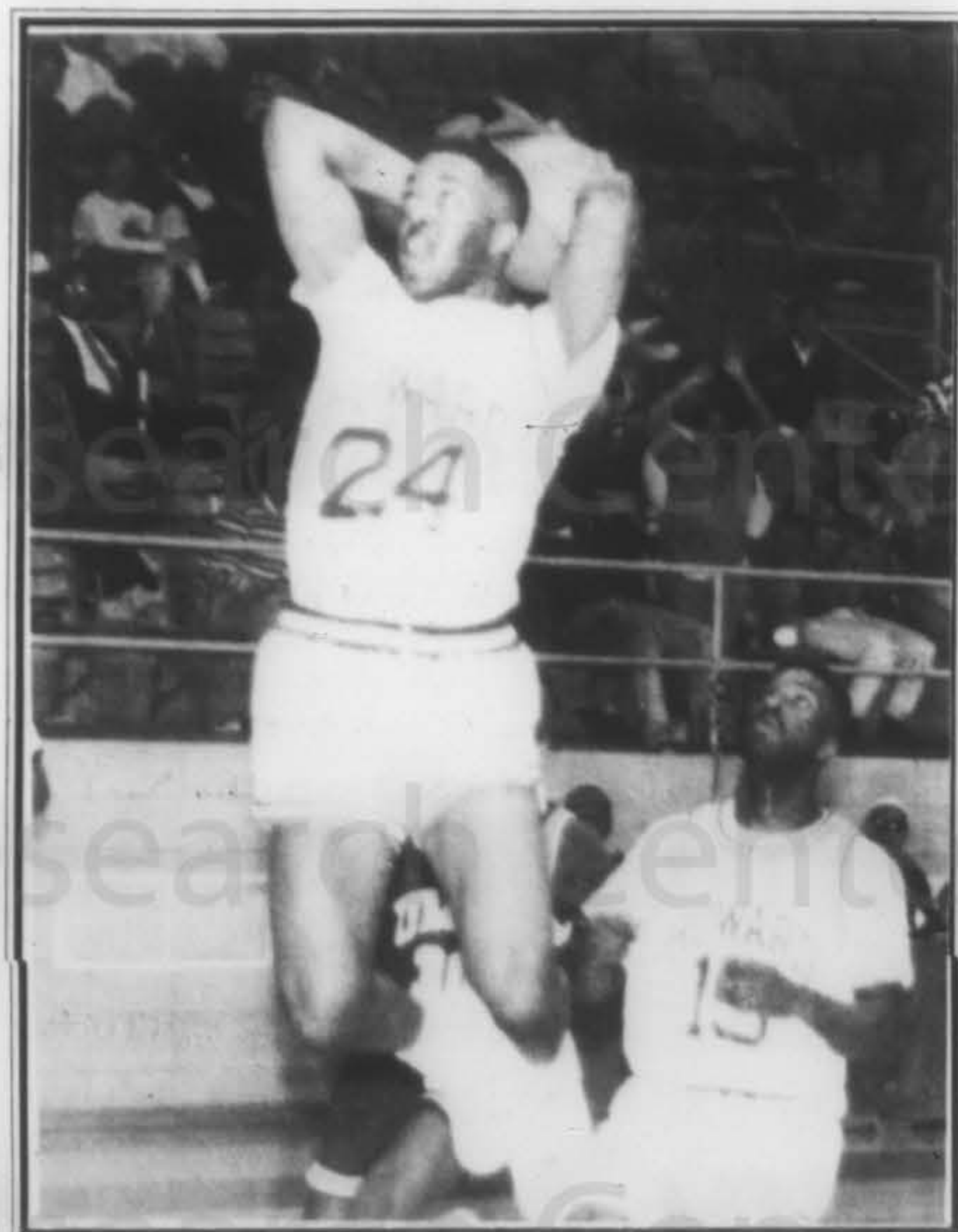
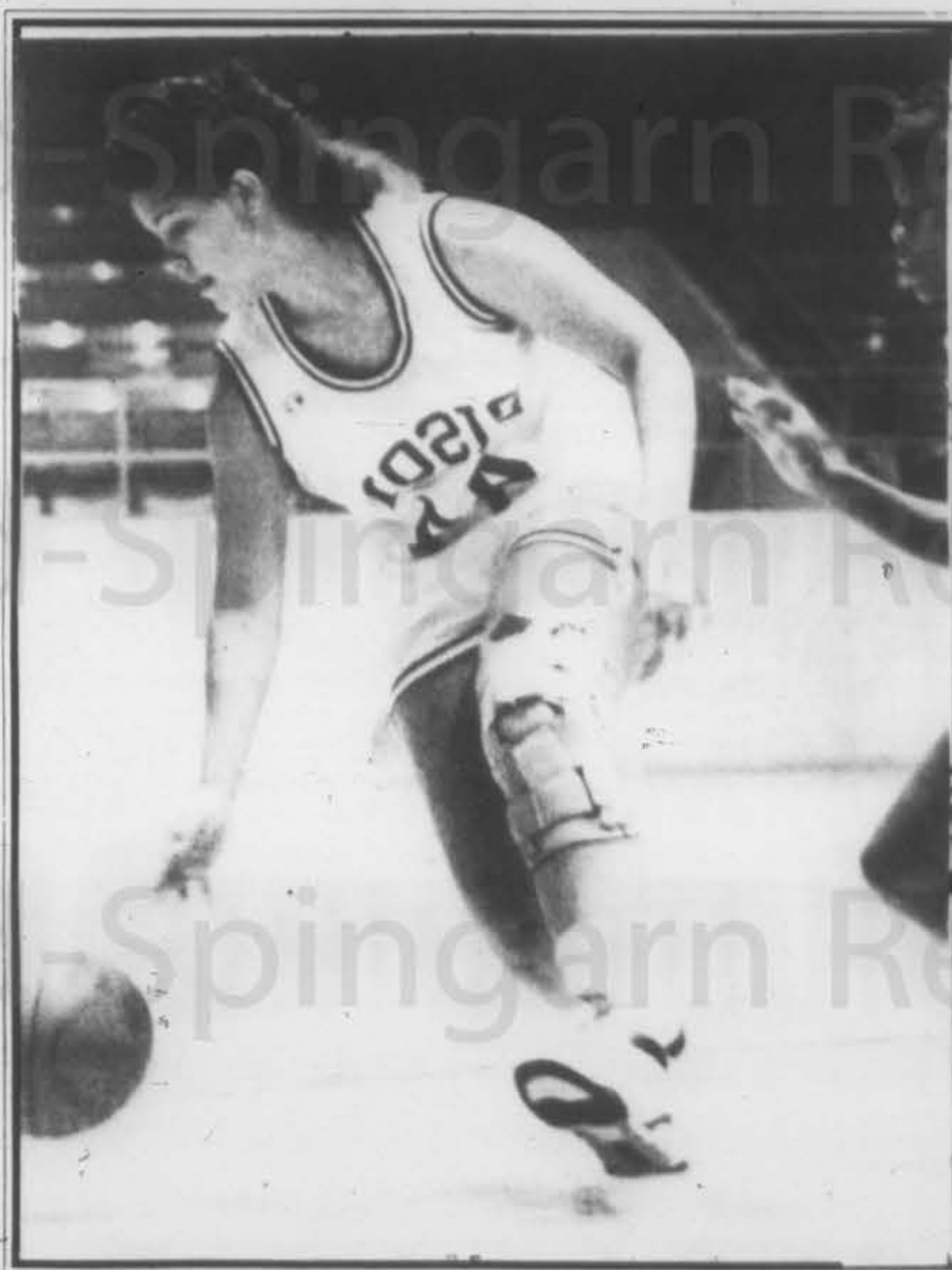
THE BISON BONE-CHRUSHING DEFENSE SMOTHERED OPPONENTS THIS YEAR. THE OFFENSE, HOWEVER, COULD NOT SCORE ENOUGH POINTS TO HAVE A WINNING SEASON.

Mirror Images for Both Men & Women Basketball Teams

MEN'S BASKETBALL 8-20

Head Coach - Butch Beard 1990 Record:
8-20 overall, 7-9 in the MEAC

The team had a slow start the first half of the season (1-15) as they attempted to adjust to Beard's uptempo style. They ended the year on a positive note winning five of their final seven. Howard finished sixth in the conference and were competitive in almost every contest. 16 of the 28 games were decided by 7 or less points. Unfortunately, the Bison lost 13 of these games, including 9 by four points or less. They lost to Delaware State, 95-93 in the first round of the MEAC tournament.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 8-20

Head Coach - Sanya Tyler 1990 Record:
8-20 overall, 5-9 in the MEAC

The Lady Bison registered their worst record (8-20) since the 1983-84 season (7-20). The team lost two-time all-MEAC performer Karen Wilkins after eight games due to academics. Their string of five straight winning seasons and three consecutive MEAC tournament titles came to an end as they lost to Maryland-Eastern Shore, 58-45 in the first-round of the tournament.

MEAC First Team (I) - Sr. G Felicia Oliver; MEAC All-Rookie Team (I) - Fr. F Annette Lee

90-91 Sports Year in Review

A Disappointing Year for minor Sports

TENNIS

Head Coach - Larry Strickland

Men's 1990-91 Record: Fall - 1-5 Spring - 5-7

Women's 1990-91 Record: Fall - 1-3 Spring - 2-9

The men's team has won two of its last three matches and finished second at the MEAC Championships in Tallahassee, Fla. They had won four straight MEAC championships. Mason Harris won the No. 1 singles' title. The women's squad just fell short of winning its third straight MEAC title as it was edged out by Florida A&M, 19-18. Angie McIlwain, Stephanie Johnson and Nicole Tucker won the No. 1-3 singles' titles, respectively. McIlwain and Johnson also captured the No. 1 doubles crown.

SOCCER

1990 Record 9-8-4, Head Coach: Keith Tucker

The team played well down the stretch to post a 4-1-2 mark in its final seven games to improve the final overall season record to 9-8-4. It marked the team's third straight winning season.

VOLLEYBALL

1990 Record 16-20 overall, 8-0 in the MEAC

The squad fell short in repeating as MEAC Champions when they lost to Florida A&M in the semi-finals of the conference tournament.

"I think that this was a 'different' season, said head coach Linda Spencer. "We had a group (of players) that were half seniors, half underclassman, and we struggled to get over the hill."

BASEBALL

Head Coach - Chuck Hinton Men's 1991
Record: 11-33-1

Highlights: The squad struggled most of the season, losing in the first two rounds of the MEAC Baseball Championships.

SWIMMING

Head Coach - Dexter Brown

The team finished the season 5-7, including wins over Morehouse and Towson State. Squad co-most valuable players Mike Houston (100 Butterfly) and Christopher Gayle (50 Freestyle), who set a few pool records this year, led the way. Amber Goldon was the MVP of the five-member women's unit.

WRESTLING

1990 Record: 2-12 overall

The Bison struggled through most of the season. "It was a tough season," said head coach Paul Cotton. "We had 14 matches in a 30 day period. But overall I saw some good things, and I am optimistic about next year."

MEN AND WOMEN CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK

Head Coach - William P. Moultrie

(Cross Country): The men's squad placed second at the MEAC Championships.

The women's unit failed in its bid to win its third straight conference title as they placed third.

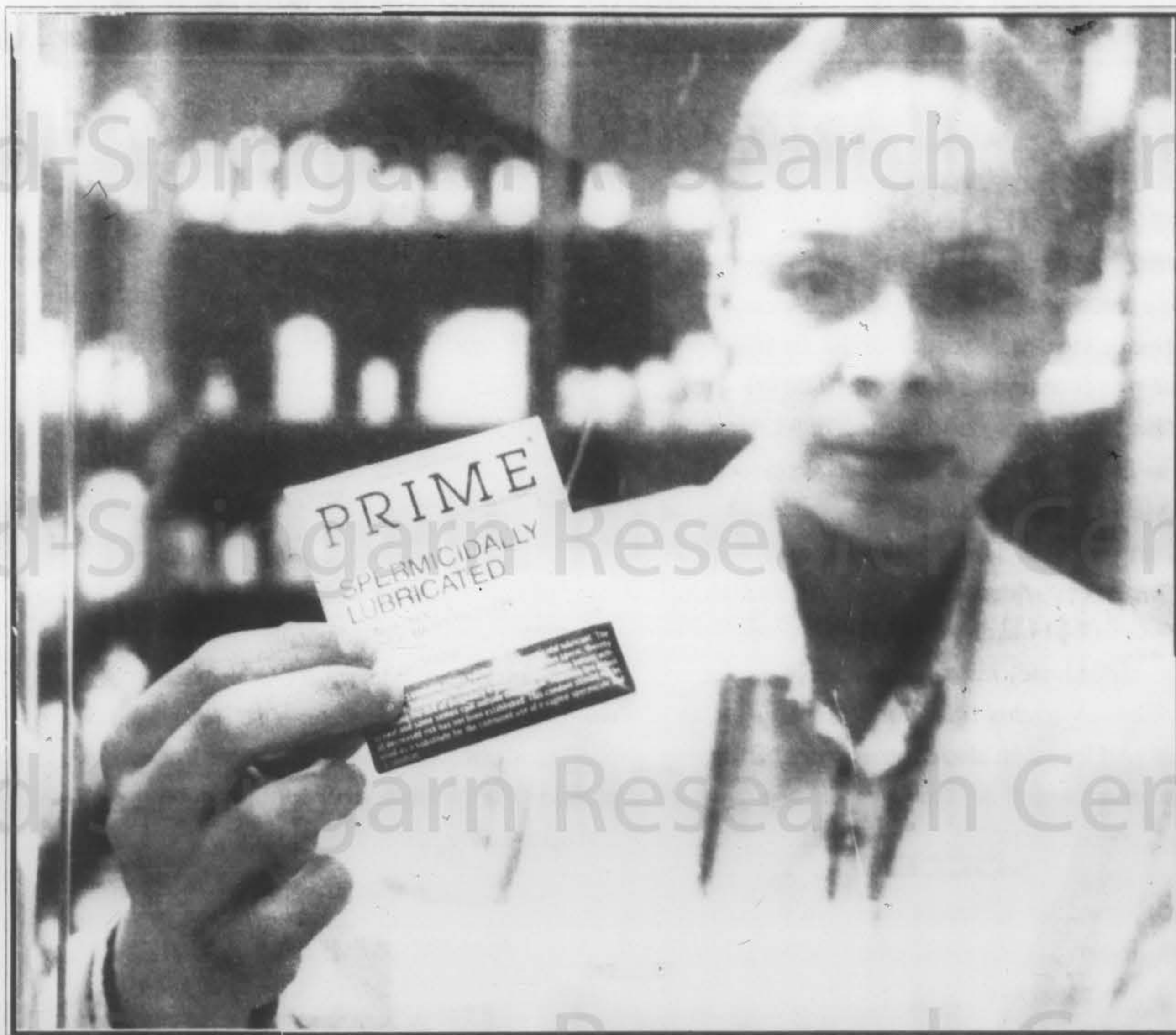
(Indoor Track): The men's team finished fifth at the MEAC Indoor Championships, and the women were sixth.

(Outdoor Track): the men placed fifth at the conference championships in Tallahassee, Florida, and the women were sixth.

"Overall for the Howard track program, it was a average year in the field," said Moultrie.

"They maximized their potential and did an excellent job. However, we are not satisfied with the performances on the track, but we are in the classroom." (12 track-athletes were named scholar athletes.)

Health & Fitness



**IN THE 90's,
STUDENTS ARE REALIZING THAT
HOW YOU LOVE IS JUST AS
IMPORTANT AS WHO YOU LOVE**

Condoms are in vogue. With Aids and other multiple sexually transmitted diseases running rampant in the 90's, Contraceptives, particularly the "old reliables" found themselves in great demand.

"Sex Topics" across the nation ranged from the introduction of the newly released contraceptive Norplant, to the soon to be released female condom, to the controversial rating of 40 popular latex condoms.

HU students often had a variety of questions concerning condoms, ranging from, "Just how good are condoms for preventing sexually transmitted diseases?" to "How often do condoms break?"

A November study conducted by the editors of *Consumer Reports* magazine tried to answer some of those questions.

CRYSTAL WHALEY

HEALTH & FITNESS EDITOR

According to *Consumer Reports*, condom manufacturers said they get one of two consumer complaints per million condoms sold—and not all involved breakage.

Another popular question among HU students was—When condoms are intact, just how good are they?

In principle, latex condoms can be close to 100 percent effective. Under a scanning electron microscope, the surface of a latex condom appears somewhat bumpy but shows no pores. When stretched, the latex is continuous and pore-free. It won't let water, one of the tiniest of molecules, filter through, according to Dr. Ruth Mallory of Planned Parenthood of America.

"The AIDS virus has been isolated in all bodily fluids and the mucus membranes," Mallory said. "The most common carriers are blood and semen. Condoms are an effective barrier, but they cannot protect what they do not cover or if used only casually."

According to the Food and Drug Ad-

AIDS has students thinking twice about sex

ministration (FDA), the sale of all condoms in the United States have to meet standards developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials, which governs condoms in terms of elasticity/elongation, thickness/thinness, tensile strength, and leakage.

Currently three tests are being used to test latex condoms; they include the microbe solution test, the water test, and the airburst test.

Because condoms require no prescription and there is no age limitation for purchase, condoms can be sold anywhere—from drugstores and family-planning clinics to vending machines.

Consumers should be aware of places where supply may have been damaged by heat or direct sunlight, or where supply is too old to be sterile or reliable.

Most condom packages are stamped with a manufacturing date, and those with a spermicide contain an expiration date.

"If stored under normal conditions, condoms can last more than two years," Mallory said. "Try to keep them (condoms) in their original boxes so you know when they were made."

Smoking no longer glamorous to do

Smokers—on your mark, get set, Stop!...Smoking that is.

The American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout" campaign in mid-November was a nationwide event to persuade smokers to quit smoking for 24

SHANNON GARNET
STAFF REPORTER

hours.

In 1990-1991, the smokeout featured ads that turned the "glamorous" image of smoking inside-out.

Instead of the gorgeous, sophisticated,

seductive, model used so often by tobacco companies, the smokeout's ads featured an Hispanic female model "disfigured" by smoking.

"We are hoping it [the campaign] will break through the clutter on TV and...make an impression on the young people," said Susan Islam, national director of Broadcasting and Advertising for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

According to Islam, by graphically showing the internal damage caused by smoking, these ads will force smokers to confront the damage they subject themselves to every day they smoke.

The ACS is also reaching out more aggressively to the population most targeted by the tobacco companies—women and minorities.

"This year's 'Great American Smokeout' ads were more hard-hitting than in previous years and are designed to move people to action, motivate them to seek help in quitting smoking and, ultimately, help them to save their lives," said Islam.

The Surgeon General warns that quitting smoking now greatly reduces serious risks to your health.

Besides whiter teeth, fresher breath and cleaner lungs, there are more reasons to quit smoking. According to a report released by the Surgeon General Antonio C. Novello in September, the benefits of quitting smoking are many.

According to the report, smoke-related illnesses cause more than one out of six deaths in the United States; however, the risk of these problems begins to decline as soon as the smoker quits.



SMOKERS ON CAMPUS SAID THEY OFTEN BEGIN SMOKING IN HIGH SCHOOL



PHYSICIANS RECOMMEND EATING VEGETABLES FOR A LONGER LIFE.

Are Blacks eating Healthier?

How many of us REALLY eat right? Unfortunately African-Americans today may not always maintain the proper diet, as a result of the increasing pressures of jobs and everyday life.

The face of nutrition has changed in this past year.

Vegetable and fruit eating has increased, along with a decreased consumption of red meat.

SHANNON GARNET
STAFF REPORTER

Eating vegetables could be the single best thing you could do for your body, experts say. Nutrition researchers today are finding that vitamin-rich foods, like vegetables, may allow you to grow older without growing ill.

Garlic, the malodorous yet much-

loved herb, may help ward off cancer.

In a study by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), researchers in China and Italy found that people who ate a lot of garlic had less stomach cancer than those who ate little or no garlic. And preliminary animal studies show a garlic-rich diet may even inhibit a variety of other cancers.

But according to NCI biostatistician, William Blot, "It's too early to make recommendations to the public."

Eating red meat—beef, lamb, or pork—may more than double the risk of developing colon cancer, according to a recent Harvard University study.

The researchers found that women who dine daily on red meat are 2 1/2 times likely to develop colon cancer, the third most common fatal cancer for women, than those who eat red meat no more than once a month.

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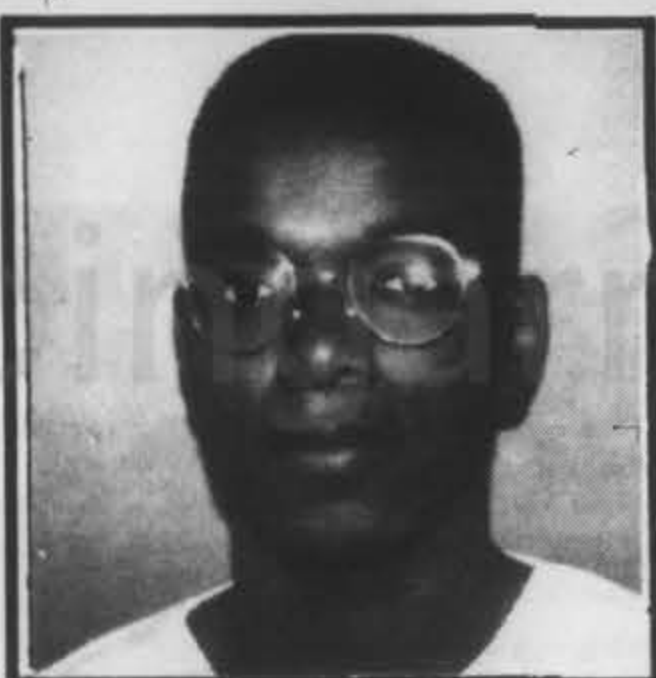




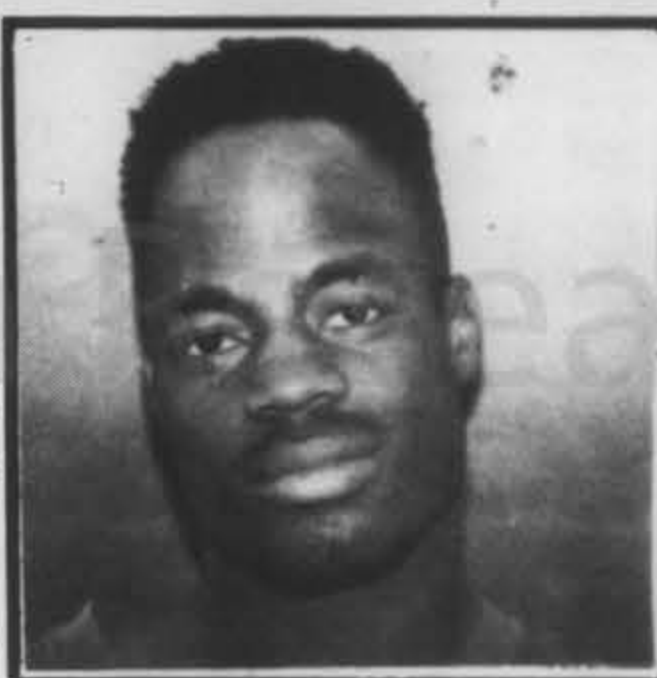
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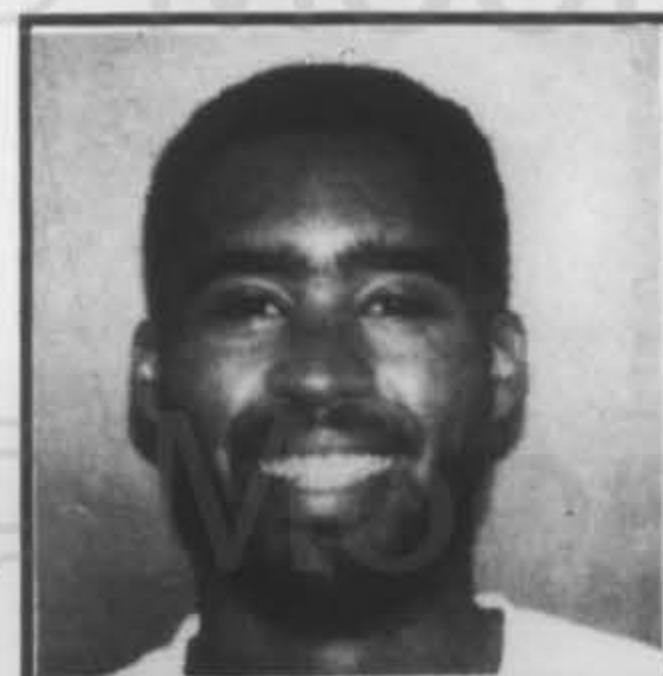
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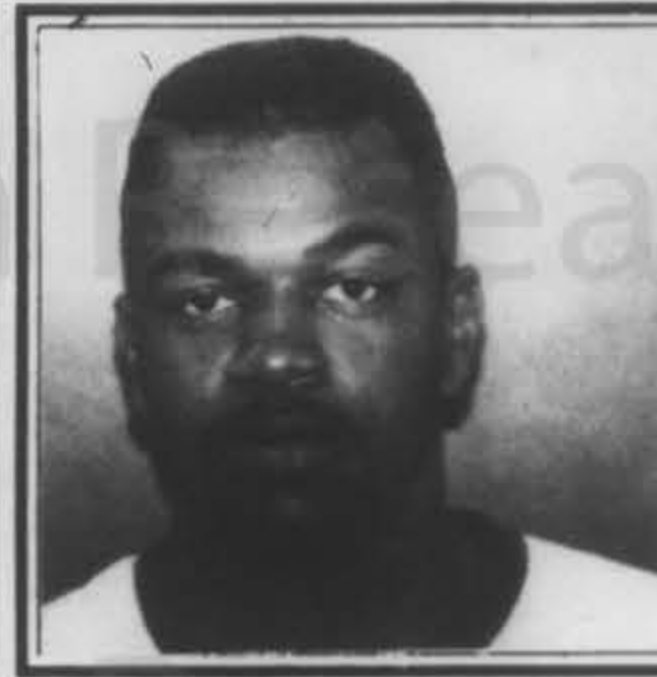
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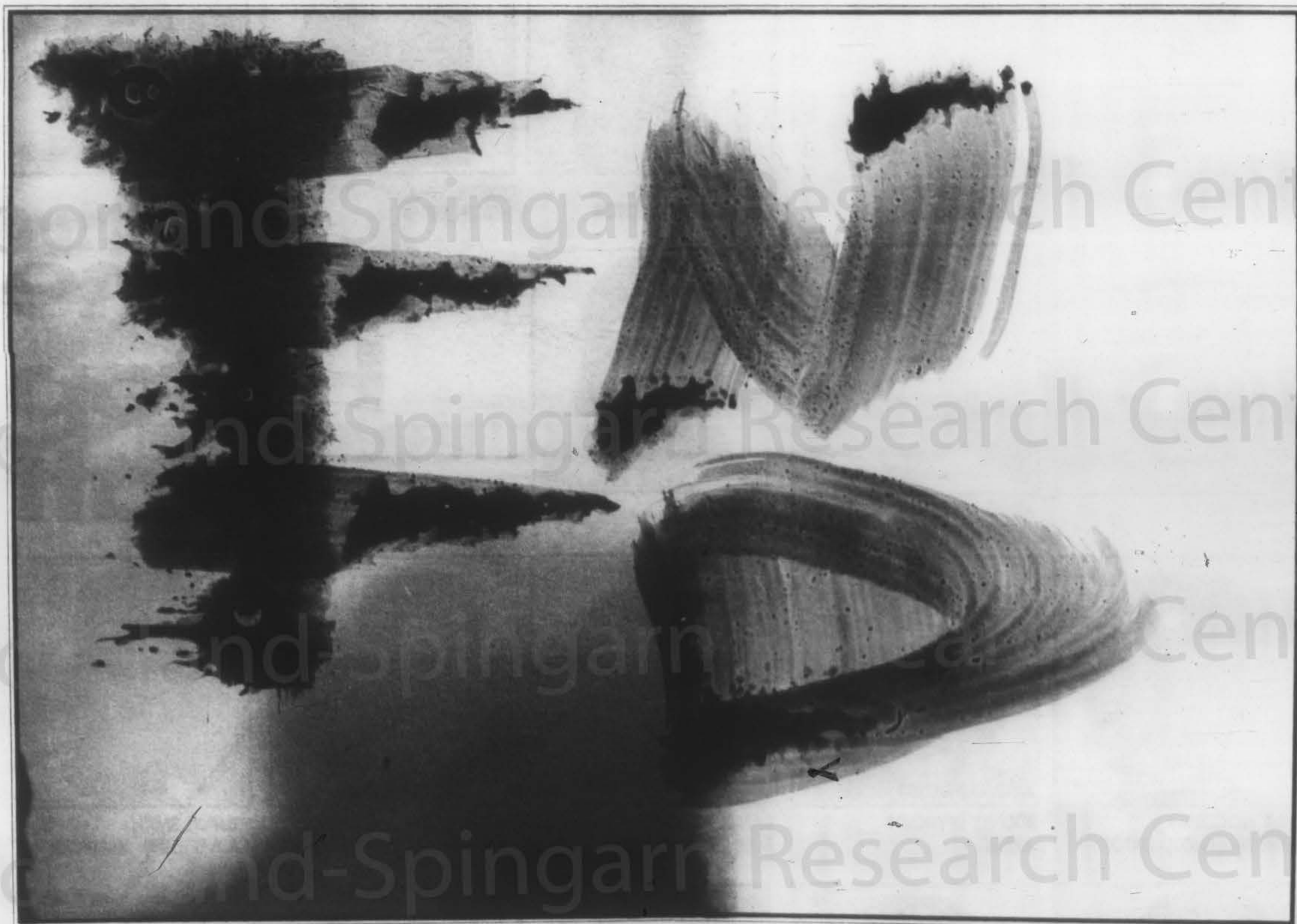


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